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# TEAM TO TACKLE SEX ABUSE GANGS

Report by Tim Spiers

**DUDLEY** Council says it is taking action to stop children being sexually exploited after a police report revealed gangs similar to those in Rotherham operate in the Black Country.

The heavily-edited findings reveal there are 'significant similarities' between child sex abuse here and the scandal in Yorkshire.

Dudley town centre, Lye and Brierley Hill were highlighted as at-risk areas in the borough. The findings are revealed in a West Midlands Police report entitled Child Sexual Exploitation, which was produced in October but has only now been made public.

The 125-page report was released by West Midlands Police after a Freedom of Information request. Large sections of information have been redacted – blacked out – including a map showing where there have been 'high concentrations' of incidents in Dudley.

Dudley Council says a new 'shared regional approach' was now making it easier to tackle child sexual exploitation.

## Identify

Tony Oakman, the council's strategic director for people, said: "This is designed to ensure everyone is working in the same way and is able to share necessary information to identify children at risk as well as offenders."

"We're currently establishing a dedicated child sexual exploitation team and also planning a multi-agency safeguarding hub for the borough which will work with our partners in order to identify children at risk as early as possible. Through our regional awareness campaign, See Me Hear Me, we have been increasing people's understanding of child sexual exploitation and how to spot warning signs."

Between January and June last year, 210 children were identified by councils as having been 'sexually exploited or at risk of sexual exploitation'. The report compares the situation to that in Rotherham, where at least 1,400 youngsters were sexually exploited.

It states: "There are significant similarities to the Rotherham victim/offender and location profiles. It remains difficult for WM Police to quantify how many child abuse crimes or incidents have actually occurred within the West Midlands."

"Targeting of victims takes place mainly at children's homes and schools. Offending typically takes place in private houses or hotels, often under the guise of 'house' parties. Offences also take place in parks."

Offenders are said to be typically of Pakistani origin, aged 17 to 40, and most victims are white females aged 13 to 16.

Other hotspots include Tipton, Smethwick and Rowley Regis.

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## MUSEUM TO MARK VE DAY 70TH ANNIVERSARY



Staff at the Black Country Living Museum will be recreating the VE Day celebrations of 1945 at the Tipton Road attraction this Saturday

IT was a momentous occasion and VE Day was celebrated up and down the land on May 8, 1945, as the nation marked Victory in Europe.

Seven decades on, the sights, sounds and celebrations of that day will come to life for the milestone 70th anniversary.

And the Black Country Living Museum is among the attractions bringing the past to life to mark the anniversary.

Staff and volunteers at the Tipton Road museum will be leading celebrations, when the war in Europe ended with victory over

Nazi Germany, with an airing for Winston Churchill's victory speech and a street party for children at the attraction on Saturday.

Rationing was still in force 70 years ago, and continued for several years afterwards, so visitors will be able to sample such 40s fare as spam fritters from the museum's fish and chip shop.

Aby Bird, of the museum, said: "The museum will celebrate with laughter, dancing and traditional street celebrations.

"Living history will help recreate the atmosphere of the day with visitors able to meet

'Winston Churchill' and listen to his electrifying Victory Speech."

Normal admission fees will apply on the day. Places are limited for the street party.

## Beacon

Other celebrations taking place in the Black Country include the lighting of a beacon on the Rowley Hills on May 8 at 9.32pm, which people will be able to see from miles around.

The next special events at the museum will be at half-term when the museum runs a range of sports activities from May 23 to 31.

## PLANNING

### Concern pub will lose its protection

CAMPAIGNERS fear the decision to give a Cradley Heath pub protection against developers could be overturned.

The Haden Cross in Halesowen Road had been listed by Sandwell Council as an Asset of Community Value, after the community fought plans to build a Co-Op store on its car park.

Last month Sandwell Council planners rejected the application and agreed to list the pub but the owner, Jersey-based New River Retail, has requested a review hearing on the decision. It was the first pub in Sandwell to get the protected status.

## ATTACK

### Man found stabbed at fast food branch

A MAN was taken to hospital with serious injuries after being found with stab wounds at a McDonalds restaurant in Oldbury.

Police have launched an investigation to find out what happened to the man, who is believed to have driven himself to the fast food restaurant in Wolverhampton Road having suffered the injuries elsewhere.

Officers went to the restaurant just after 5.30pm on Tuesday and found him with the multiple stab wounds.

## CONCERT

### Youth singers will be choir's guests

THE Pure Harmony youth singers will be joining Warley Male Choir on stage at Corwall Hall in Halesowen on Saturday.

Tickets for the concert, which starts at 7pm, will be available on the door.

Pure Harmony choir leader Mrs Eleanor Rushbury said: "We are delighted to be singing alongside such a well-known choir and we're sure it's going to be a wonderful evening of wonderful music."

The children's choir is also on the lookout for new recruits. The group meets on Mondays during term time 6.30pm to 7.30pm at Lawrence Lane Methodist Church, Cradley Heath. See [www.wlchoir.org](http://www.wlchoir.org) for details.

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Jailed — Sarah Cawthorne

A BUSINESSWOMAN who left brides in the lurch by spending more than £30,000 of their money on gambling and a trip to Disney World has been jailed for a year.

Around 100 couples were 'left high and dry' by Sarah Cawthorne and her 'A Little Bit of Bling' business, which had promised glitzy finishing touches to their big day.

Disgruntled women were so annoyed they set up the 'Burned Brides' Facebook page to vent their fury about Cawthorne after they paid for her to prepare their wedding venues.

Cawthorne, of Hickmerlands Lane, Sedgley, was given a 12 month sentence for fraudulent trading at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week.

It is believed at least 100 brides-to-be throughout the UK were defrauded out of a total of more than £30,000 between July 2012 and September 2013.

Mr Mark Jackson, prosecuting on behalf of Dudley Trading Standards, said they received the first of 'an avalanche of complaints' about A Little Bit of Bling on August 20, 2013.

The complainant had paid upfront for items for her wedding, but despite

assurances from Cawthorne, the items did not arrive. When they turned up two days after the wedding, Cawthorne returned a refund.

Mr Jackson said the council and West Midlands Police 'received complaint, after complaint, after complaint' about A Little Bit of Bling. Cawthorne used the wedding money on a trip to Disney World and to fund online gambling.

Mr Mukhtar Ubhi, defending, said the 32-year-old mother-of-two was of good character but addicted to gambling 'which is no less crippling than an addiction to drugs or alcohol.'

## Woolworths staff among losers due to Euro ruling

THOUSANDS of workers made redundant by the closure of Woolworths have lost a long battle for compensation.

A decision by the European Court of Justice (ECJ) means that 3,200 ex-employees of Woolworths will not receive any money. The decision also affects 1,200 former staff at clothing chain Ethel Austin, which went out of business five years ago.

The workers missed out because they were based in Woolworths stores employing fewer than 20 staff, whereas their colleagues in larger sites qualified for compensation.

Their union said they were 'heartbroken' by an ECJ ruling.

Shopworkers' union Usdaw has been fighting for compensation since Woolworths collapsed in 2008.

Under UK law, workers in smaller stores are excluded from an obligation to consult over redundancies and do not qualify for compensation.

Usdaw general secretary John Hannett said: "This decision marks the end of the road for our members from Woolworths and Ethel Austin seeking justice and they are heartbroken. Our case is morally and logically robust, so today's verdict is a kick in the teeth. It is unfair and makes no sense that workers in stores of less than 20 employees were denied compensation, whereas their colleagues in larger stores did qualify for the award."

"These were mass redundancy situations where one central decision was made to close the whole company down."

## Arson suspected after factory fire

ARSONISTS are suspected to be behind a fire that destroyed part of a factory in Dudley.

The building in Saltwells Road, Primrose Hill, went up in flames at 12.30pm on Friday.

Crews from Dudley and Haden Cross fire stations were called to tackle the blaze, which caused extensive damage to part of the factory, which is currently vacant.

Haden Cross Fire Station watch commander Desmond Lloyd said the fire was 'definitely arson'. He said: "The fire was contained to an internal office block which was three metres by five metres."

"Everything inside was destroyed. The potential for it to get out of control was there but the important thing was us getting there quickly."

## Road is closing for work on gas pipes

A ROAD will be shut for 12 days while work to improve gas pipes takes place.

School Lane in Hagley, near Stourbridge, will close from its junction with the A456 Birmingham Road and Hall Meadow. It will be shut from Friday, May 15.

# Changes are made to protect the children

## Apartments for over-55s snapped up



Lime Gardens — the new Midland Heart development of 120 apartments in Slade Road, Cradley

MORE than half of the apartments at a new £16million retirement village — built on the site of the former Cradley High School — have been snapped up.

Lime Gardens, which has 120 homes for the over 55s, welcomed its first residents three weeks ago.

Among the facilities are a gym, games and hobby rooms and a coffee shop. There are also woodland and garden areas and a greenhouse.

John Millar, acting housing boss at Dudley Council, said: "This is

the third extra care scheme that we've developed in partnership with Midland Heart and represents the future of housing for older people. It really is first class, both in terms of the physical build, quality of care and the fantastic range of facilities on offer."

Matt Colloby, of developers William Davis Limited said: "The Lime Gardens development is a classic example of collaborative working. Everyone involved should be very proud of their achievements."

Ruth Cooke, chief executive at Midland Heart said: "We have a great staff team, great facilities and I'm confident our customers will be very happy here in a safe, secure environment."

It's the third development of its kind in Dudley from Midland Heart, following similar schemes on the Russells Hall estate and in Coseley. The scheme, which has created 60 jobs, is designed for people aged over 55 to live independently in their own apartments.

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# GP services in borough avoid extra pressures

MORE than 17,000 extra patients have registered with GPs in and around Sandwell in the past two years. But the number of Dudley-registered patients has dropped.

The figures have been released by the Health and Social Care Information Centre.

Across the West Midlands there has been an increase of almost 50,000 patients in two years, at a time when GP surgeries are already under tremendous pressure.

Long waiting times for appointments have been reported across the region.

In the Black Country it is in Sandwell and West Birmingham where the biggest increase has been reported. In April 2013 the area had 538,683 patients registered by a GP. Now that number is 555,864 — a jump of 17,181. However, in Dudley there has been a surprising drop of 150 patients, down to 314,713.

Dr Jas Rathore, GP and clinical lead for Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "Dudley has a stable population with minor variation from year to year."

The Sandwell figure reflects an increase seen across Birmingham, particularly in the south and west of the second city.

Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG spokesman James Turner said: "We have above average birth rate locally, and a higher than average transient population."

Across England numbers have gone up by almost one million.

## Man is rescued from burning car

A MAN was pulled from a burning car following a smash in Dudley.

The car crashed into a ditch near the junction of Smithy's Lane and Coopers Bank Road in Pensnett just after 4pm on Sunday.

The driver, a man in his 50s, was dragged from the car by a paramedic as it began to engulfed by flames. Fire crews then arrived to put out the blaze.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Jamie Arrowsmith said: "Shortly after getting the man to the grass verge, the entire car became engulfed in flames. The fire service was quickly on scene to put the fire out."

"The man was treated for a head injury and transported to Russells Hall Hospital for further assessment."

## Quiz and curry night at scout hut

HAGLEY Cricket Club will host a quiz and curry night on Friday, May 15, at Hagley Scout Hut. The bar opens at 7.30pm with the quiz at 8.30pm in the Hall Lane venue. It is £10 per ticket, up to six in a team.

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Gunman — Taniyha Beckford

# Gunman is jailed after shots hit car

A GUNMAN who opened fire on another man outside a notorious Black Country nightclub has been jailed for 10 years.

The victim, who is in his 30s, was sitting in a car which was sprayed with bullets, but, miraculously was not injured.

CCTV cameras at the scene captured the shooting outside Pulse nightclub in Brierley Hill on film and led to Taniyha Beckford being caught.

Beckford, 35, of Duchess Road, Ladywood, Birmingham pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life and was sentenced at Birmingham Crown Court last week

Police carried out a search of Beckford's home and discovered a loaded gun with 15 rounds of ammunition.

The weapon was handed over to experts at the National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS) and they found that the Hungarian-made FEG pistol had been used in the shooting on January 26, 2014.

Beckford was arrested in November 2014, charged and remanded in custody.

DI Darren Crutchley, from West Midlands Police Serious and Organised Crime Unit, said: "The sentence handed down demonstrates how seriously the

courts take gun crime. The victim in this case could have been killed."

"We would like to thank our colleagues at NABIS for their work which assisted our case and proved that the gun found at Beckford's address was the same weapon used in the Pulse shooting."

"Gun crime levels across the West Midlands have fallen over the last decade and we will continue to work hard to keep our communities safe."

Last year Pulse nightclub in Dudley Road had its licence revoked by a Dudley Council after police said it had become a haven for notorious gangs.

# Pools to be out of action during half-term break

THE two swimming pools at Halesowen Leisure Centre will be out of action for three weeks, including the half-term school holiday.

Dudley Council said maintenance work needs to be carried out from Monday, May 18, until Sunday, June 7.

Bosses said while 'essential' work was carried out, the temperature of the water in the main pool and learner pool would be too low for them to be used by swimmers.

All other parts of the leisure centre, including the gym and fitness studios, will remain open as normal, during the work taking place in the plant room.

The council said that despite half-term, it was generally a quieter time for the pools and there would be fewer people using them than when they are used by school groups.

Swimming clubs which use the pools have been offered alternative sessions at either Dudley Leisure Centre or Crystal Leisure Centre in Stourbridge, which are both open throughout the period that the Halesowen pools are closed.

### Impact

John Millar, the council's environment boss, said: "There is never a good time to have to close any of our facilities but we have tried to time this essential work as best we can to minimise impact on users."

"The pools at Halesowen are popular among groups and clubs and we are offering places at our other centres to ensure they can be accommodated."

"I would remind people that all other parts of Halesowen Leisure Centre will remain open as normal throughout the works."

Recent figures show the number of visitors to the leisure centre has increased from 393,733 in 2012/13 to 399,688 in 2013/14. The total number of visits to the borough's three leisure centres went up from 1,231,326 in 2012/13 to 1,275,557 in 2013/14.

Bosses say increasing the range of activities on offer and a £1.5 million revamp of the gyms had attracted more people.

Anyone needing information about pool opening times at the Crystal and Dudley leisure centres can call (01384) 812800.

Dudley Council has also been carrying out a review on the future management of leisure centres in the borough to see whether savings could be made in future years.

## Ear's a good idea for holidaymakers



Ian Bailey with the website for his innovative Aerbuddies product to help airline passengers who suffer ear pain

A BUSINESSMAN from Halesowen is hoping a new contest started by top entrepreneur Richard Branson will help get his innovative product off the ground.

Ian Bailey believes he has solved a problem which affects millions of people. His company Aerbuddies Ltd, based in Dudley, has developed a product designed to help air passengers who suffer with ear pain.

It was while trying to find a remedy for his children's ear pain that Mr Bailey, of Alexandra Road, saw a gap in the market.

After more than five years — including disappointment on the real Dragons' Den — the former sales manager and his team have come up with an earplug which he is confident will make the pain go away for air passengers.

He has secured a patent for his design and is now looking to take it to market. It is an issue that he

says affects around 10 per cent of adults who fly and 20 per cent of children — a large target market.

Mr Bailey said: "The low humidity in aircraft cabins affects the eardrum, even on short-haul flights. Then, when there is inward pressure as the aircraft descends the eardrum hasn't got the flexibility and that's when blood vessels start to burst."

Mr Bailey has entered the Virgin boss's Pitch to Rich contest.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Homes on way as plans are revived

PLANS to build dozens of homes in Bradley Heath, which were first submitted nearly a decade ago, have moved a step closer.

Developers have revealed detailed proposals for homes on land off Banister Street.

International Design and Construction first unveiled the plans in 2006 but, despite getting planning permission, work was stalled by the recession. The company has permission to build 48 apartments and nine houses and has now put forward further details to the council.

### John Lewis jobs are up for grabs

FIVE hundred jobs are up for grabs at the glitzy new £35 million John Lewis department store, which is changing the face of Birmingham city centre.

One of the largest John Lewis shops outside of London, the floor area will cover 250,000 sq ft — the equivalent of three and a half football pitches. The shop will be the anchor tenant of the new Grand Central retail development, which sits over redeveloped New Street Station.

Recruitment for positions at the store has now begun. See [www.jljobs.com](http://www.jljobs.com) for details.

### Town's brews are toast of festival

AN ale from a Halesowen brewery won beer of the festival at Stourbridge and Halesowen Campaign for Real Ale's recent annual event.

Drinkers were invited to vote for their favourite and the most popular was Single Speed Citra, brewed by Fixed Wheel Brewery in Long Lane.

In second place was BOB64, a 6.5 per cent strength ale from Angel Ales, also based in Halesowen. The festival held in Stourbridge Town Hall featured more than 90 real ales.

### Trust's mental health app proving a success

A PHONE app originating in Dudley that offers health advice has been downloaded 4,000 times.

WellMind, Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust's first mobile app, offers tips on mental health. Launched on World Mental Health Day in October, download figures continue to grow with the app being downloaded by 20 people a day on average. Trust chief executive Gary Graham said: "We are really pleased that people like WellMind."

### Ibsen play is staged

OLDBURY Rep presents its latest production, Henrik Ibsen's classic play *A Doll's House*, from Saturday.

It is being staged at the theatre in Spring Walk, Langley, May 9 to 16. Tickets are £8 and £10 from the box office on 0121 552 2761. For more information visit [www.oldburyrep.org](http://www.oldburyrep.org).

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

"IT'S hot and upbeat, like the jauntiest level of Hell." Australian comedian Deborah Francis-White on Radio 4, explaining her reluctance to return to her native Oz.

RESEARCHERS in Germany are investigating a link between gum disease and dementia. No surprises there, then. Oral hygiene, or the lack of it, has already been linked to diabetes, stroke and heart disease. The surprise is that, whatever the mouthwash companies may tell you, there is still no remedy for advanced gum disease. History will probably judge how many billions of dollars chucked at research into diabetes, stroke, heart disease and dementia would have been much better spent finding a cure for bleeding gums.

AND now the computer takes over from telly. All six episodes of the new Peter Kay comedy series Car Share were available on iPlayer before being screened on BBC1. It is clever, lovely, life-affirming stuff, as you would expect from a national treasure like Kay, and the casting of unknown Sian Gibson as the shop worker sharing Kay's car, and morphing from plain lass to rock chick as she fantasises about being a pop star, is perfect. I loved the misheard confusion over who had been assassinated. Was it



JFK or Geoff Capes?

NEVER let the facts get in the way of a good headline such as: "Could wolf-whistling be a crime?" The truth is that Poppy Smart's distress at a building site in Worcester had nothing to do with mere wolf-whistling. It was about the 23-year-old being repeatedly confronted and embarrassed in the street by builders who thought they were God's gift to women. The police have had a few quiet words with them, which is precisely what the police should do in a situation like this. And it's exactly what these leering navvies would demand if it were their wives, girlfriends or sisters suffering the same intimidation. The defence "It's just banter, innit?" doesn't apply when it's your own loved ones.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

A MAN who stabbed two Stourbridge sisters with a kitchen knife after pushing their 88-year-old grandmother to the floor has been jailed for ten and a half years.

John Loveridge left Amy Brookes and his former partner Jessica Brookes needing surgery after lashing out with the foot long weapon in the horrific attack on October 31 in Oldswinford.

The 48-year-old then used the knife to slash his own throat and it was only the intervention of two police officers that saved his life, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Judge Nicholas Webb told Loveridge it was clear he posed a serious risk of future harm to the public and he ruled he would only be allowed back onto the streets when he was considered safe by the parole board.

### Restraining

He extended the licence of Loveridge on his release from prison by a further five years and made a restraining order forbidding him from any future contact with the sisters or their grandmother.

He had attacked all three victims inside their own home in Oldswinford.

Loveridge stabbed Amy Brookes three times in the neck, arm and chest and she suffered a collapsed lung in the attack. Jessica Brookes, the mother of his child, sustained a stab wound to the throat and also received a

serious hand injury as she tried to defend herself.

"You have a history of alcohol abuse," the Judge told Loveridge, who carried out the attack after a two-day drinking session.

"It is clear to me you are dangerous."

"A report says there is a chance of repeated offending by you and it is a report I agree with."

Loveridge of The Steps, Harvington, Evesham, admitted wounding Jessica and Amy Brookes with intent to cause them both grievous bodily harm.

He further admitted assaulting their grandmother and possessing an offensive weapon.

Mr Duncan Craig, prosecuting, said Loveridge forced his way into the family home, pushed the grandmother to the floor and stabbed the sisters.

Mr Christopher O'Gorman, defending, said Loveridge was full of remorse for what he did.

# Alcoholic stabbed two sisters in horror attack

## Council staff face move in park row

TWO hundred council staff may get the boot from Mary Stevens Park due to complaints that they clog up all the parking spaces.

Bosses are now looking at other venues following claims that families and other park-users can't find a parking space.

Since 200 Dudley Council children's services staff were transferred to a park building last year, campaigners have complained council workers are taking up all the parking spaces at the site. There are claims that some of the cars have been vandalised in recent weeks.

Margot James, who is standing for re-election as Stourbridge MP, said the park was being "monopolised" by council staff and becoming inaccessible to anyone who did not live within walking distance. Council bosses have ruled out extending the car park, saying it would be too expensive.

Philip Tart, strategic director for resources and transformation at Dudley Council, said: "We recognise that parking at Mary Stevens Park has become an issue and we have been working closely with the local community to resolve it."

"We are currently looking at a number of options including reviewing which staff work from the council offices and alternative ways of working, including off-site."

## Neighbours dig up a grenade



Lucky escape — Alan Greasley and Mark Billingham

ALAN Greasley unearthed far more than he bargained for while working on a neighbour's garden in Rowley Regis.

The 53-year-old was busy digging when all of a sudden his shovel struck an object — which turned out to be a live hand grenade dating from the Second World War. He called police but then picked up the grenade and showed it to a neighbour — not realising it was live.

Police were on the scene in minutes, followed by an Army bomb disposal unit. Soldiers cordoned off the house as the fist-sized bomb was taken to a disused quarry for a controlled explosion.

Mr Greasley, who had been helping neighbour Mark Billingham in Newhall Road sort out his garden, said he never imagined the grenade would be live. He struck the object with his shovel at depth of about 2ft in the soil.

It was No. 36 military grenade with its pin intact. Known as the Mills Bomb and made in Birmingham, it was a standard issue weapon for British soldiers.

Mr Greasley added: "The pin itself was corroded. It could have gone off."

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## Nightclub allowed to open until 6am

A NIGHTCLUB in Stourbridge has been allowed to extend its opening hours to 6am despite objections from police, neighbours and councillors.

The Stourbridge Academy, in Hagley Road, will now be able to stay open later on certain nights.

It comes after licensing bosses decided the venue was run well enough that it wouldn't pose a risk to its cumulative impact policy.

Prior to the decision being made, Dudley Council had received objections from West Midlands Police, local residents and councillors concerned that extending the hours could lead to trouble. The club currently stays open until 4am on certain nights.

A licensing sub-committee chaired by Councillor Jackie Cowell last week approved the hours with restrictions imposed that last entry would be at 3am. Police would be given 14 days notice before any event expected to go on until the new cut-off time.

On behalf of the management, barrister Sarah Clover, said: "These new hours simply provide flexibility for the management to be able to run events until later, it is not something they will be doing seven days a week."

Councillor Nic Barlow had originally opposed the plans but after the meeting said he felt 'reassured'.

# Opposition growing to Britain First march in town

**A SECOND** rival protest has been announced to counter a demonstration in Dudley by far-right group Britain First.

The Unity Rally will join a group of war veterans under the name of 'I'm a UK veteran and not a racist, and proud of it' in the town on Saturday.

They are countering the planned demonstration being held by Britain First, who say more than 2,000 of their members will protest at plans for a new mosque in the town.

It will take place just three months after the town centre was brought to a standstill by similar protests from members of the English Defence League.

Police have held talks this week with Dudley Central Mosque and Dudley Muslim Association regarding safety on the day.

Officials at Dudley Central Mosque and Dudley Muslim Association will hold an open day event at the Castle Hill venue from 10.30am to 4.30pm on Saturday. More than 200 attended the mosque when officials held a similar event during February's EDL rally.

Traders have voiced concerns about the impact on businesses on Saturday.

Britain First claim on the group's Facebook page that 2,100 people have pledged to attend and will meet at 1pm on the Flood Street car park.

Mosque chairman, Mohammed Aurangzeb, said: "We will not let far right groups, wherever they are on the spectrum, to disrupt our normal way of life and dictate how we resolve issues that affect us locally."

By Andrew Turton

Spokesman for the Unity Rally, Jerry Langford, said the group would work with police to ensure it was a peaceful protest.

The group, which held a similar protest in opposition to the EDL, will hold their event in Castle Street from 11am to 3pm.

Mr Langford said: "Dudley Unites Against Fascism, supported by Dudley Trades Union Council, have called a Unity Festival in Dudley on Saturday to stand in solidarity with Dudley's Muslim community, who they are directly attacking, and send a message that Dudley stands united."

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## War victory celebrated at Haden Hill



Back to the 40s — Penny Phillips, of Solihull, wearing 1940s fashion at Haden Hill House Museum on Monday

VISITORS were transported back to life in the Second World War during an event to commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE Day.

Haden Hill House, in Cradley Heath, was awash with nostalgia and bathed in sunshine on Bank Holiday Monday for the celebration. Historic cars were parked by the house and guests dressed in period outfits and uniforms.

Union flags were also out in force as hundreds arrived to visit the museum at Haden Hill Park.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Libraries provide dementia corner

LIBRARIES in Dudley are launching a new collection of books and resources for people with dementia and those who care for them.

The Reading Agency has worked with healthcare experts, people with dementia and carer groups to select 25 'books on prescription' titles that provide support and advice.

Copies are now available at all 13 libraries in the borough and are being promoted to celebrate national Dementia Awareness Week, from May 18 to 24.

A 'dementia corner' has been set up in Halesowen and Dudley libraries which will house the collection along with other useful resources. Deborah Harkins, chief officer responsible for libraries, said: "The books cover information and advice, and personal stories."

### Best of British is choir's inspiration

A MIXED voice choir with 70 members is tuning up for a concert in Cradley Heath next weekend.

Viva Musica will be performing at the Salvation Army Citadel on Saturday, May 16.

The theme is British composers of contemporary choral music, and will include pieces ranging from John Rutter and Karl Jenkins to Paul McCartney and Elton John.

Tickets cost £9 available by calling 01562 883480 or 0121 550 5581. For further details visit [www.viva-musica.co.uk](http://www.viva-musica.co.uk) or the choir's Facebook page.

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# Hangover? Just hang garland round neck

THE throbbing headache, the churning stomach, if there ever was a real cure for a hangover its creator would make billions.

Well according to boffins at Oxford University, the ancient Egyptians thought they had it cracked.

Instead of Alka-Seltzer and ibuprofen, the ancient Egyptians believed that walking around with a garland round your neck is the best way to cure that morning-after feeling.

It's an interesting thought. But I would just love to see the conversation with the copper when explaining the unusual item of clothing at three in the morning.

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THE milestone birthday arrives, and the tabloids can barely control their excitement. Pages of coverage for days on end, and countless pictures.

No, not the new royal Princess, David Beckham's flippin' 40th birthday...

Does anybody really care? Forgive my indifference, but isn't it time we all learned to get over the middle-aged underpants salesman?

It has been many years since he played football at the top level, and I really don't understand what the continued fascination is with the man who always promised so much, but ultimately failed to live up to expectations.

When he burst into Alex Ferguson's exciting Manchester United side in the mid-1990s, he had the world at his feet, a prodigious talent who set the Premier League alight.

However, his story is ultimately one of a player who became so engrossed in the celebrity lifestyle that he never quite fulfilled his undoubted potential. Yes, he could cross a ball beautifully, and he had a fine free kick, but he always gave the impression of being more interested in partying with pop stars than getting stuck in on the football pitch.

A good footballer, yes, but never the great one he could have been.

And regardless, his footballing days are long over, so why do we need to be treated to endless pictures of him in his underwear?

Maybe to ladies of a certain age he is the bee's knees, but to me he is still the bloke who kicked the Argie up the bum and threw away our hopes of getting one over the old enemy.

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NOEL Gallagher has confessed that he steals plump pillows from Italian hotels so he can get a good night's sleep on tour.

Keith Moon used to throw television sets out of hotel windows. Ozzy Osbourne bit the head off a bat. Noel Gallagher half-inches fluffy soft furnishings.

Rock'n'roll excess. It ain't what it used to be, is it?



Slade perform Them Kinda Monkey's Can't Swing



On the road and on the water in between performances



The boys enjoy themselves with some water for the fans



Tom Conti as the band's manager Robert Seymour



Noddy, Jim and Dave are caught on camera



Don's character Charlie, with one of his foundry colleagues

# Flame and fortune

**PETE MADELEY** takes a look at Slade's short-lived silver screen stardom, 40 years on from their movie's release

IT has been described as 'the Citizen Kane of British pop films' and features one of the world's most successful rock bands performing in a gritty expose of the darker side of the music industry.

It's now 40 years since Slade in Flame hit cinema screens, starring Black Country glam troupe Slade playing fictitious musicians in a made-up band.

At the time they were riding the crest of the wave on the back of a string of number one hits including Cum On Feel The Noize, Skweeze Me, Pleaze Me and Take Me Bak 'Ome. But movie-goers expecting bell-bottomed hi-jinks and Walsall's Noddy Holder screaming 'It's Christmaaaaaaa!' every five minutes were in for a shock.

What they got was an at times bleak view of the music business, complete with unscrupulous agents, dangerous gangster types and a band's rise to stardom followed by inevitable fall from grace.

## Fantasy

Sure there's humour – a furious Noddy singing while padlocked inside a coffin on stage is comedy gold – but this was not your average film about a rock band.

It was a million miles away from The Beatles' A Hard Day's Night, the rock star fantasy of the David Essex vehicle Stardust and various glam rockers' bizarre Never Too Young To Rock. According to Slade drummer Don Powell, that was precisely what the band intended.

"We had no interest in making another typical film about a rock band, that had already been done," said Don, who lives with his family in Aarhus in Denmark.

"None of us really knew what we had let ourselves in for. But we ended up with a film that comes across as pretty dark."

"It shows the downside of the music business, all the crooks and the gangsters."

Don returned to Wolverhampton the city of his birth as guest of honour at a Slade convention at the Robin 2 club in Bilston, organised



Slade at the Robin in 2013, from left, John Berry, Dave Hill, Don Powell and Mal Nutt

to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the iconic movie. Filmed over the course of six weeks at locations across the UK, Slade in Flame follows the fortunes of a fictitious band as they hit the road to the big time at the tail end of the swinging 60s.

In the film members from two rival bands join up to form Flame, giving them the same line up as the real-life Slade – Noddy Holder, Don Powell, Dave Hill and Jim Lea.

From then on it's a telling tale of a young band marketed and exploited to the point where they eventually tire of the whole business and pack it all in.

The idea for a film was hatched by Slade manager Chris Chandler, who saw it as the next logical step in the band's successful career.

It was written by Andrew Birkin – with more than a little guidance from the band themselves. "The first story Andrew brought to us wasn't really what we wanted," said Don.

"So we took him and Richard Loncraine (director) on tour with us to the States for a few weeks. If you want to know what life in a band is like, go out on tour!"

"They came to all the gigs and travelled with us – really got to know us as people. There's a lot of spare time and we would tell stories about daft things that had happened to us and other bands."

Andrew had a tape recorder with him all the time. Although the film is fictional a lot of what you see in there actually happened in real life, although not necessarily to us."

The early scenes of two young bands plying their trade around bingo halls and weddings certainly echo the pre-Slade band The 'N' Tweens. And Don's character Charlie is shown grafting in a factory – a nod to his early real-life job as a foundry worker in Willenhall.

The aforementioned Noddy-in-a-coffin scene reflects the antics of Screaming Lord Sutch, who was once trapped inside a coffin on stage while he performed with his band The Savages. But there are times when the film departs wildly from reality.

In one memorable scene Jim Lea sees Noddy tending to his pigeons. "Come in," invites Noddy, covered from head-to-toe in pigeon muck. "They're vegetarians."

"To this day I'm sure Noddy has never

done anything like that," chuckled Don. "The thought of Noddy training pigeons! I think Andrew pulled that one out of the sky."

Respected actors were also brought onto the cast, including Alan Lake who played the appropriately named Jack Daniels and Tom Conti as the band's manager Robert Seymour.

Fresh from a stint at Her Majesty's pleasure, Lake was fired during his first day on set after enjoying a lengthy liquid lunch – only to be reinstated when his wife Diana Dors agreed to police his sobriety for the remainder of filming.

Don admits his nerves began to jangle prior to filming, his concerns exacerbated by a tragic car accident he was involved in that killed his fiancée Angela Morris and left him suffering severe short-term memory loss.

He said: "I had amnesia after the car crash and thought: 'There's no way I'm going to be able to learn my lines'."

"But of course I didn't have to learn the whole film in one go. I would learn what I needed to before I went on set, so it wasn't as hard as I thought. I actually found it was great mental exercise for me to learn things. I spent a lot of my spare time on set watching how things are done."

The film also spawned a best selling book by John Pidgeon and a soundtrack which sold 170,000 copies before the film was even released. "Slade has always been about the music first and foremost," said Don. "We definitely weren't actors."

"The music was a central part of the film, but after it had premiered it wasn't the music that most people were talking about." Don is alluding to the somewhat mixed response Slade in Flame garnered from fans and critics alike. Some of the reviews were positive – with the BBC's Barry Norman praising it for having 'real grit' and 'real integrity' – while others suggested fans were better off just listening to the soundtrack.

Don said that sections of the band's fanbase struggled to come to terms with the harsh realities of the music business depicted in the film. There's also an argument that the film may have ended up damaging Slade's career. They never scored another number one hit single in the UK after its release, having had six between 1971 and 1973.

"Part of the problem was that people couldn't get their heads around the fact that we were playing characters, not ourselves," Don muses. "But I'm glad we did it and I'm proud of the film."

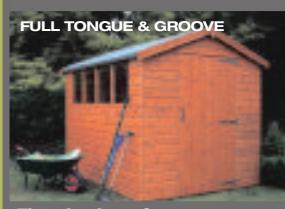
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## Yet more M6 money down the drain

SO it appears £65 million must be spent on the M6 conurbation in the West Midlands. How much more cash do they need to throw at this motorway? I for one do not put any faith in a motorway with a non-running hard shoulder, very nice in bright weather, not so good in rain or dark conditions. Motorway signs on gantries help, if they work.

To me the hard shoulder is and should be for emergency only, not running vehicles.

The money spent so far on upgrading this particular piece of motorway going through Junctions 8, 9, 10, 11, together with the

proposed £65m could have built M6-2 as opposed to HS2. Why not try to do a deal with the owners of the toll road; surely £65m would be welcome in their coffers? A large problem is the M5/M6 junction, the M5 should have been routed to join M6 north of Stafford where the traffic thins out a little.

It just goes to show when viewing the hold-ups and congestion the economy is booming and the best way to send goods is by road transport, regardless.

**M SAXON**

Tipton

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Hedgehogs need help to survive

AS we are in Hedgehog Awareness Week — which runs from May 3 to 9 — I am writing to ask your readers to 'Think Hedgehog'!

Hedgehog Awareness Week is organised by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society and takes place every year.

Tips can be found on our website at [www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk](http://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk)

There is so much that we can do to help the hedgehog in our own garden.

Offering hedgehog food, or a meaty pet food and water, especially during dry weather, can be a life saver.

Also, cut back on pesticides, cover drains or deep holes, and ensure there is an easy route out of ponds and pools.

These measures will take five minutes to do and help immensely.

With hedgehog numbers in serious decline, helping them is more important than ever.

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## Super hospital is not only solution

IT has become apparent to me over the past few months, that whilst the new 'Super Hospitals' incorporate all of the new equipment that cannot be put in place in all of the smaller hospitals, there is a need for more local community hospitals.

Here non-acute patients can receive treatment and rehabilitation by dedicated staff who have the time and expertise to help people towards discharge, that the bigger hospitals cannot provide.

This is not meant as a criticism of the front line at the super hospitals but pure common sense. This is not only my view, but that of many people with whom I have had conversations.

Our leaders would have us believe that bigger is best, but this is not the case. Patients are individuals each with individual needs and it is about time that these were recognised by those making the rules. Perhaps with smaller hospitals it may be that managers could manage effectively, rather than it seems at present.

Perhaps the biggest insult of all though, is to read of the huge salaries and increases in salary of the chief executives whilst front line staff receive nothing. Maybe these executives should spend more time on the shop floor talking with relatives of patients who have so many complaints.

**L HALES**

Cradley Heath

## Manor Way crossing call

THE excellent picture of cycling legend Hugh Porter campaigning to get a crossing installed outside Manor Abbey Stadium in Halesowen illustrates the difficulties of trying to cross Manor Way. However, it is not just cyclists and athletes who need to traverse the dual carriageway here, as residents also have to cross to get to and from bus stops. This involves clambering over the crash barriers.

The barriers were erected after a number of accidents in which vehicles collided with oncoming traffic, a 'safety measure' that clearly gave little consideration for the wellbeing of pedestrians.

Speeding traffic is endemic at this location with vehicles travelling at 70-80mph despite the 40mph speed limit. Residents will hope that the campaign to get a crossing is successful.

**D FORT**  
Halesowen

## Club HQ is in wrong place

MANOR Way is, like it or not, one of the busiest arteries to one of Britain's biggest cities and is used by thousands of people every day, who face quite enough congestion already.

While I sympathise with the problems faced by members of the cycling and athletic club, the suggestion of a placing a pedestrian crossing there would be as logical as putting a similar obstacle across the Birmingham-London railway line. The club have unfortunately got a wholly unsuitable site and should look elsewhere.

**PETER HODSON**

Halesowen

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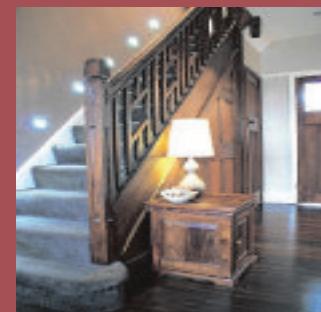
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# Mini mania as owners meet up at major show



**British Mini Day** organisers Dave and Nicky Hollis from Stourbridge with a 1989 Mini 30 edition and 2007 Mini Cooper  
A FORMER rally driver will be the special guest when Mini owners flock to Himley Hall for Sunday's major show by the British Mini Club.

Paddy Hopkirk, aged 82, will get the motor running on the club's summer programme at Himley Hall.

Mr Hopkirk, from Northern Ireland, won the 1964 Monte Carlo rally in a Mini Cooper S. Alongside Henry Liddon, he was one half of the last all-British team to win the rally.

The veteran of rallying's golden age

will be signing photos for Mini enthusiasts visiting the event.

There will also be a premier class concours competition with 12 different classes to choose from, catering for every model of Mini.

Running alongside, there will be the Mini Show 'n' Shine display, with sections for both classic and modern models of the iconic car.

Dave Hollis, a member of the club's Midlands branch, said visitors would also have the opportunity to buy spare parts from trade and auto jumble stands. There will also be the opportunity to buy Mini memorabilia.

He added: "This will be the 23rd

year that we have been doing the show at Himley Hall and we have got quite a strong following over the years."

The club was established in 1992 and has since grown to welcome thousands of members. The BMC will have membership centre situated in the heart of the show area.

There will also be the chance to buy a classic Mini at the event. Tickets will be on sale from 10am at the BMC membership centre.

Entry to the show costs are £9 per person (£7 for BMC members), while children under 12 can go free accompanied by an adult. To find out more see [www.britishminiclub.co.uk](http://www.britishminiclub.co.uk)

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## Drunken yob kicked peacemaker in the head

A THUG who kicked a man in the head during a drunken attack in Halesowen town centre has avoided an immediate jail sentence.

Maximillian Colley subjected Neil Chivers to such an horrendous attack that he was left with a collapsed lung.

Witnesses said they saw Colley, aged 22, kick his victim's head 'like a football' as he lay on the ground.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard how violence flared after Colley, of Iverley Road, Halesowen, was thrown out of Wetherspoons on Queensway at around 1.30am on December 20 for acting aggressively.

CCTV showed Colley urinating in the road before he was approached by another man, David Abraham. The pair exchanged words before Mr Abraham punched Colley. Mr Tim Pole, defending, said it was this act that sparked the violence.

When Mr Chivers stepped in to try to calm matters, Colley pushed him to the ground and unloaded a series of punches to his head before getting up and kicking Mr Chivers in the head.

Prosecutor Paul Spratt told the court: "Mr Chivers was now prone on the ground, mumbling 'I can't

breathe'". This was a significant attack on a man who had done nothing wrong."

Mr Chivers spent five days in hospital after the attack. Colley had pleaded guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm as well as a separate charge of affray for pushing a woman to the ground during the melee.

He was given a 20-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, and ordered to pay £2,500 in compensation to Mr Chivers. Colley must also complete 200 hours of unpaid work.

Recorder David Mason told Colley he was fortunate to avoid an immediate jail term for his 'disgusting' actions. He said: "When you first saw the CCTV footage you said you couldn't believe you had done it — but you did because you got drunk and couldn't handle it."

Historic telegram is found in clear out



Wing Commander Guy Gibson whose death was kept quiet so as not to damage morale

A TELEGRAM announcing the death of a Second World War hero has been unearthed, revealing how the RAF hushed up the news to preserve morale.

Wing Commander Guy Gibson was a distinguished member of the Royal Air Force's 617 Squadron, which he led during the famous Dambusters raid in 1943.

His death, aged 26, was initially only revealed to fellow officers and it was up to two months later before it was made public.

The telegram, marked 'confidential', from Air Marshal Harris on November 19 to officers' mess 617 Squadron reads: "Regret to inform the mess that W/C Gibson and S/L Warwick now confirmed killed as a result of air operations over Germany on night of 19 Sept. I have informed the Prime Minister and NoK (next of kin)."

A handwritten note penned by Group Captain James Tait states: "Read out to the mess but did not inform men."

The telegram was found being used as a bookmark as Fieldings Auctioneers, based in Mill Race Lane, Stourbridge, carried out a house clearance. Fieldings say the telegram could fetch £600 at auction in Stourbridge on May 16.

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## Students learning from the master chefs



Simpsons chef director Luke Tipping, centre, with chef de partie Stuart Deeley and cookery student Zerline Long

CATERING students from Halesowen College are getting top tips from a Michelin star restaurant in Birmingham.

Two former students of the college, Luke Tipping and Stuart Deeley, are part of the team at Simpsons Restaurant in Edgbaston and will be returning to college to do a cookery masterclass in front of students. At Simpsons, Luke is the chef director and Stuart is a chef de partie.

For many years Halesowen College catering students have had the opportunity of work experience at the acclaimed restaurant.

Zerline Long, who is studying her City & Guilds Level 3 VRQ Advanced Diploma in Professional Cookery, has just started her placement at the restaurant on Highfield Road, which has held a prestigious Michelin star since 2004.

## £1.3m upgrade for paths

### A £1.3 million scheme to improve walking and cycling routes in Dudley borough will see paths revamped.

Overgrown and worn-out footpaths in the Quarry Bank, Saltwells and Merry Hill areas will be re-surfaced and drains renovated as part of the improvements.

Work is now getting under way in all three areas after £75,000 was dished

out from the £1.3m fund. It marks the latest cash boost to roads in the area thanks to funding from Centro, which looks at public transport projects in the West Midlands.

Work should be completed by the end of the month with cash taken from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF).

Officials say the improved paths will allow people to walk or cycle from Saltwells Lane and Mushroom Green to Merry Hill using routes at Saltwells Nature Reserve, with the aim of getting people more active.

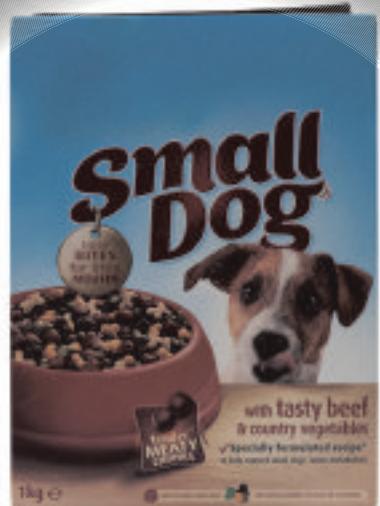
The route covers just under a mile and will be made suitable for wheelchair and buggy users.

The council is cutting back overgrown shrubs and trees on the paths.

Dudley has received a total of £1.3m of LSTF funding through Centro as part of its Smarter Network Smarter Choices Programme.

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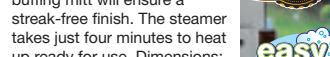
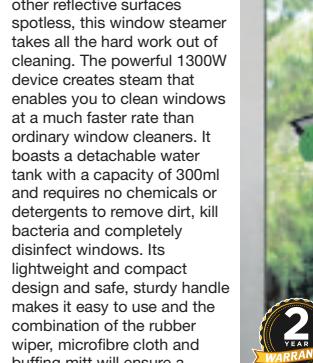
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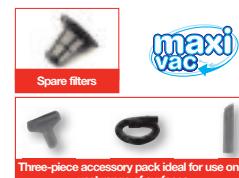
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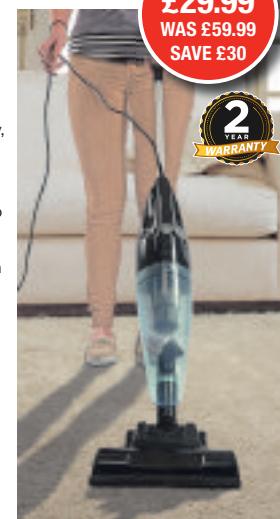
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# Black Country pupils in pioneering maths scheme

SCHOOLS in the Black Country have been trialling a maths programme that enables teachers to monitor pupils' progress online.

A total of 24 schools across Dudley, Sandwell, Birmingham and Walsall have received £500,000 funding from the Education Endowment Foundation for the Maths Flip programme. It is a year project working with pupils in years five and six to help them to improve their skills.

The resource enables pupils to carry out 'pre-learning' whereby their teacher posts a PowerPoint presentation to an online site and the children then complete a task so the teacher can see how well they

have done and adjust their classroom lesson accordingly.

Jennifer Devaney, project manager at Shireland Collegiate Academy in Smethwick, said the course replaced the traditional pen and paper method of doing homework and made it easier for tutors to keep track of their pupils' work.

She said pupils reported benefits with their SATS results, while teachers felt they could shift their focus onto harder concepts and problem solving, rather than having to wait for pupils to catch up.

In total, 540 pupils are participating in the project, which could be copied at schools across the country.



Teacher Claire Watmore with Abdul Noor, Molly-Mae Wilkinson and Maria Kaid from Halesowen CE Primary

# Fake stamps and illegal cigs seized

THOUSANDS of contraband cigarettes and suspected counterfeit first class stamps were seized during raids in Dudley.

Four properties in the town were searched by trading standards officers and police following a tip off about the illegal supply of tobacco.

A total of 5,340 illicit and counterfeit cigarettes, 25 packs of tobacco and 1,873 suspected counterfeit first class stamps were seized.

An investigation has been launched by Dudley Council following the raids which took place last month.

John Millar, acting strategic director for economy, environment and housing, said: "Together with our police colleagues, we searched four properties in Dudley. Investigations are ongoing and we are unable to comment further at this stage."

# Ambulance service is named as the best

THE West Midlands Ambulance Service has been named as the best performing service in the country.

Its paramedics responded to heart attack patients faster than anywhere else and control rooms staff were quickest to answer 999 calls.

Only two services bettered its performance for reaching all other types life-threatening emergencies.

In the Department of Health figures, the service also came second for the amount of time it took for a patient-carrying vehicle to reach scenes of emergencies.

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That happened 77 per cent of the time, two per cent above its target and higher than any other ambulance service in the country.

The service fell one percent short of the same target for reaching all other life-threatening emergencies but came third nationally. Emergency calls were answered in under one second on average during the 12-month period.

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sults were the 'testament to the hard working staff' of the trust and added that the level of care given to a patient-carrying vehicle to reach scenes of emergencies.

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# Authors to discuss their favourite books

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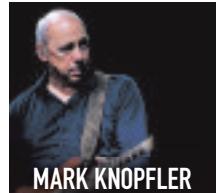
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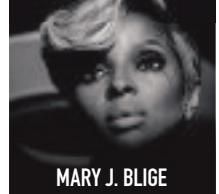
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# Blues on the move from veteran performer Steve



Seasick Steve delighted the Civic Hall crowd during his two-hour set that ended his UK tour

**REVIEW**  
Seasick Steve, Wolverhampton Civic Hall - By Leon Burakowski

a critic to suggest he was using effects pedals to enhance his sound. But Steve, still much amused at the suggestion, demonstrated that his hi-tech effects came from sticking a thimble on his finger with a plaster and then riffing the hell out of his washday didley bow.

In a two-hour set, Steve Wold (he earned his nickname on discovering he and European ferry travel doesn't mix well) delighted a crowd with his homespun charm, rambling stories and bizarre homemade guitars.

These included a cigar box based model, the famous one made from two hubcaps and, best of all, the one-string washboard guitar. The latter once led

boogie, hillbilly stumps and punk like thrashes.

Another aspect to his sound was provided by fiddle player Georgina Leach, especially on the southern gothic of In Peaceful Dreams, all about grim goings-on in the backwoods.

The former hobo and busker showed a gentle side too, charming a girl a third his age with love song serenade Walking Man, keeping the audience spellbound with the poignant Treasures, and encoring with his favourite songs, Gentle On My Mind and folk ballad Silver Dagger.

Worthy of mention are support act My Baby, Steve's favourite new band. The Dutch blues trio fronted by Cato van Dyck held the attention of the full house with their blend of blues, psychadelic rock and dub reggae.

# Ambition and passion in last days of empire



Julie Walters as Cynthia Coffin, a scheming fixer and hostess, in Channel 4's lavish Indian Summers drama

INDIAN Summers, Channel 4's lavish and most expensive production, has been released on DVD and Blu-ray.

Set during the last days of the Raj, the series which ran over ten weeks on Sunday nights on C4 earlier this year, looked like an exotic version of Downton Abbey but actually has more epic intentions.

It is set in the 1932 in Simla, where representatives of the imperial civil service gather to drink and socialise in the cool of the Himalayan foothills. It makes for a dangerous cocktail of secrets and lies, dangerous ambition and forbidden passions, whilst the movement for Indian independence gathers pace, inevitably testing loyalties.

A capable cast includes Henry Lloyd Hughes (a long way from his role in The Inbetweeners), Nikesh Patel, Fiona Glascott, Aysha Kala and, most

## DVD REVIEWS

memorably, the Midlands' own Julie Walters as Cynthia Coffin, a scheming fixer and hostess. In recent years she has tended to play twinkly, loveable characters but with Cynthia she can get stuck into a more complicated, cynical and manipulative character.

The 580-minute epic, which reportedly cost £16 million, looks beautiful and though it starts slowly, the pace picks up after we are introduced to the large cast of characters.

The drama is set to run over several future series, leading up to India's independence in 1947. Indian Summers (15, Acorn) on disc is well worth catching up with before the saga returns.

John Byrne's Scottish comedy-drama Your Cheatin' Heart (12,

Second Sight) on May 25 finally gets a DVD release 25 years after its first and only screening on BBC TV. It was Byrne's follow up to Tutti-Frutti, which helped launch the careers of Emma Thompson and Robbie Coltrane, but swaps the rock 'n' roll setting for country music, Glasgow-style.

Quirky and witty, but sometimes hard to comprehend unless your ear is attuned to Glaswegian, the story is about a waitress (the otherworldly Tilda Swinton) and a newspaper restaurant critic (Gregory's Girl actor John Gordon Sinclair) joining forces to clear her jailed husband's name. The supporting cast include singer Eddi Reader (and amazing hair-do) and a menacing Ken Stott. Unfortunately, the production values and ancient fashions make it look like a museum piece today.

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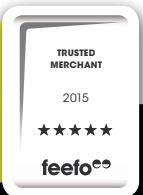
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**NEWS IN BRIEF****Walker injured in remote location**

A WALKER suffered an ankle injury after falling in a wood near Halesowen and during the incident an air ambulance was scrambled.

The man, in his 40s, suffered the injury on Monday afternoon at Frankley Green, Huddington.

Despite the pain, he was able to call 999 and direct ambulance staff to his location. The Midlands Air Ambulance from Strensham attended the scene, along with a land ambulance and paramedics. A spokeswoman said: "Ambulance staff went on foot across a field and through several gates into the woods and found the man propped up against a stile. The man was conveyed by land ambulance to Queen Elizabeth Hospital."

**Nearly new sale by child charity**

PARENTS can get bargains at a nearly new sale of baby and children's clothes in Quarry Bank next Saturday.

It has been organised by the NCT Stourbridge and Halesowen branch. Visitors to the sale could save around 70 per cent on what items cost bought new.

As well as clothes, there will be toys and equipment at the event at Thorns Leisure Centre on May 16, from 11am to 1pm, with early entry at 10.30am for NCT members.

Charlotte Medlicott from NCT Stourbridge and Halesowen, said: "Whether you're buying, selling or both you can be sure you're helping to support other parents in the area."

**MORE than 200 jobs face are at risk at Sandwell's hospital trust during the next 12 months, as part of plans to slash more than £16 million from the wages bill.**

It's the next phase of wider plans by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Trust to cut around 1,400 posts over five years.

Bosses are looking to scrap 205 'whole time equivalent' positions by March 2016 but say around 260 workers are expected to be affected by the move.

A consultation is under way and it's hoped that a 'significant' number of the posts can be cut by redeploying staff or not recruiting for vacant roles.

The trust, which runs Sandwell Hospital and City Hospital, has already redeployed 150 workers to other roles since first announcing its plans last year.

Despite looking at reducing its pay bill, the hospital trust has vowed to continue investing in more A&E consultants and nurses.

A report by chief executive Toby Lewis, which went before directors of the trust's board, says: "A strategic consultation process will commence for affected staff groups. Circa 260 staff will be affected by the changes proposed. A significant amount of posts will be released through the disestablishment of vacant posts and re-deployment."

The plans will reduce the trust's pay bill by £16.1m.

It comes after NHS inspectors declared that Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust require improvement.

A&E, medical care, surgery and children and young people's services required improvement, the Care Quality Commission report found.

Critical care and end of life care were rated as 'good', but outpatient services were rated as 'inadequate'.

Inspectors said the trust's bid to boost safety was 'potentially at cross purposes' with the trust's proposals to cut back on jobs.

But Mr Lewis said 150 staff members were redeployed to other job roles rather than losing those individuals. Bosses are recruiting more staff including A&E consultants and nurses.

Last month it was revealed the hospital trust had spent more than £12million on agency workers in just a year to cover the shortage.

THE memory of the first soldier from Cradley to be killed during the First World War has been preserved after a group presented a framed photograph of him to a sports club.

The Midland Film and Art group provided Cradley Sports and Social Club with the photo of Joseph Tranter, a founding member of the former Liberal Club in Colley Lane, Cradley.

Mr Tranter was one of the first men from the Black Country to die during the war. A reservist with the South Wales Borderers, he was among the

first to be called up when war broke out with Germany.

Within the first weeks, he died during a skirmish on September 26, 1914, at Vendresse, France. The whereabouts of his grave is unknown.

**Honour**

In his honour a photograph of the soldier, in an oak frame with the inscription 'Died for King and Country' has pride of place in the club.

But, following a leak, the memorial was severely water damaged. Midland

Film and Art stepped in with an offer to recreate the photograph in a new frame as part of the Cradley Memorials Heritage Project, which has received Heritage Lottery funding.

The club is to install the memorial within the entrance of its building.

Chairman Peter Carpenter said: "Thanks to heritage lottery funding and local film and art enthusiasts, who were determined to preserve our history, we have regained a cherished memory of a founder member to inspire future generations."

**I don't believe it! Wilson to join Lenny**

THE cast of Lenny Henry's new TV series Danny and The Human Zoo - a fictionalised account of his life as a talented teenager in 1970s Dudley - has been announced.

Among the actors lined up for the BBC One drama, which is based on the actor and comedian's early days including a spell working at Dudley Zoo, is One Foot in the Grave actor Richard Wilson.

Kascion Franklin will play Danny with Lenny playing his father Samson and Cecilia Noble his mother Myrtle. Arthur Darvill, of Doctor Who and Broadchurch fame, will play Danny's manager Jonesy while Wilson will play promoter James Broughton.

Rehearsals for the show, which will be shot in and around Dudley, got underway this week.

Lenny, who was born near Dudley's Boffery Park, said: "I can't believe that we're finally shooting my screenplay Danny and The Human Zoo."

"This is a fantasy memoir of the first two years of my career; my beginnings, working at the zoo, working men's clubs and all that stuff that happened to me in the mid 1970s - but crammed into 90 minutes."

He added: "The script took about three years with the help of Nicola Shindler and Caroline Hollick at RED Productions — and now we're going to make it in Dudley."

**First World War hero is remembered**

Chairman Peter Carpenter, left, with Warren McCabe-Smith, of Midland Film and Art, and the picture of Joseph Tranter

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## Talk on monarch found in car park

KING Richard III will be in the spotlight during Stourbridge Historical Society's next meeting.

Historian Max Keen will be giving a talk about the monarch's life and the discovery of his body buried under a Leicester car park in September 2012.

It will take place in the Wollaston Room at Stourbridge Town Hall on May 21 at 7.30pm.

David Hickman, from the society, said: "Max has been to speak at Stourbridge Historical Society on a number of occasions before. His talks are brought to life with illustrations, and a range of material relevant to the story. In order to make the tale more vivid Max dresses up as the person he is describing. There is much humour and plenty to hold the audience's attention."

For more details visit [www.stourbridgehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.stourbridgehistoricalsociety.com)

# Borough is better than some but most homes 'unaffordable'

**JUST two out of every 10 homes on sale in the West Midlands is affordable for the average first time buying family, according to housing charity Shelter.**

Dudley was the most affordable district in the Black Country, but more than six out of 10 homes were still out of reach for first time buyers.

Shelter claims that overall nearly 80 per cent of properties on the market aren't affordable for families looking to buy their first home.

The housing charity analysed asking prices for thousands of properties for sale throughout the region, and compared them with the mortgage that an average family buying their first home could afford.

That revealed only 22 per cent of homes for sale are affordable for families that need at least two bedrooms, and only eight per cent - less than one in 10 - are affordable for larger families looking for homes with three bedrooms or more.

In South Staffordshire there were just 23 - less than seven per cent of homes on sale in the district were considered affordable.

In Kidderminster, Cannock and Sandwell just two in 10 homes were affordable, while in Wolverhampton and Walsall the situation was slightly better with nearly three in 10 homes affordable. In hotspots like Warwick there were just five affordable properties.

The charity says families face continued instability and high housing costs unless there is urgent action to build more homes.

Campbell Robb, chief executive of Shelter, said: "Nearly 80 per cent of homes on the market are off limits for a typical family in the West Midlands and this is nothing short of a scandal."



Shelter's Campbell Robb

## 31-mile charity trek for hospice

WALKERS are being urged to lace up their boots to raise money for a Midland hospice next month.

An event organised by St Richard's Hospice offers people the chance to walk the whole of the Worcestershire Way in a day.

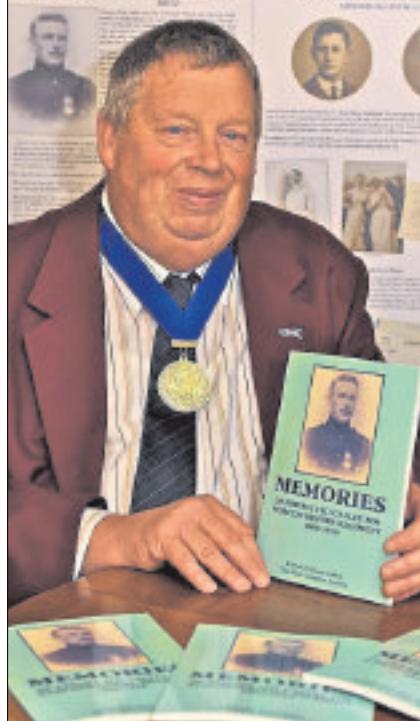
The 31-mile challenge will be held on Friday, June 19, marking the 10th anniversary of the popular event.

The walk begins at 6am in Bewdley and walkers will stride out across wonderful Worcestershire countryside before a tough finish on the slopes of the Malvern Hills.

Alison Parkes, senior fundraiser, said: "The atmosphere is likely to be amazing."

For more information, contact Alison by email at [aparkes@strichards.org.uk](mailto:aparkes@strichards.org.uk) or call 01905 763963.

## Grandson publishes soldier's memoir



David Galley with the book from his grandfather's writings

A MAN'S determination to find out more about his grandfather's military service led to the surprise discovery of an exercise book containing a hand-written memoir of wartime experiences.

David Galley, of Brierley Hill, has now produced a book based on the document penned by Edward Galley about life as a soldier in the Boer War and First World War.

Mr Galley, aged 68, who has recently become president of the Black Country Society, said he knew his grandfather had served in Second Worcestershire Regiment.

"I also knew he had won a medal but wasn't aware of the circumstances behind it and wanted to find out more," he said. "I contacted the regiment archive and but was told the details in regards the citation had been lost when records were destroyed during the Second World War. I thought that was the end of it."

But his project unexpectedly got back on track when an aunt presented him with the handwritten memoir. The book, priced £5, is on sale at Ashwood Nurseries, Red House Cone and from [www.blackcountrysociety.co.uk](http://www.blackcountrysociety.co.uk).

## Play week target is more than 5,000

DUDLEY Council is looking to top the 5,000 people who attended its summer play week last year with events in five borough parks.

Dudley Play Week — being held from August 3 to 7 — will be free activities run from noon to 4pm in the following borough parks: Huntingdon Park, Halesowen, August 3; Silver Jubilee Park, Coseley, August 4; Wollescote Park, August 5; Priory Park, Dudley, August 6 and The Dell and Fens Pool, Brierley Hill, August 7.

Activities for children will include a climbing wall, arts and crafts, face painting and an animal area.

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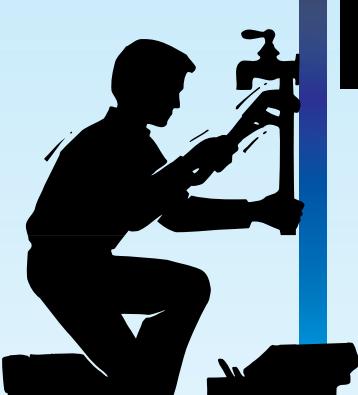
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# When town roared to victory at the Isle of Man races

## MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

THEY were glorious times for Wolverhampton, when the then town would send off several factory teams to the TT races on the Isle of Man, fully expecting that one or more would come back winners.

The Tourist Trophy Races were then the pinnacle of motorbike racing. In the Blakenhall area especially, workers would be anxious to hear news of how 'their' boys had got on, and whether they would hold bragging rights for the next year.

The main contenders were usually Sunbeam and AJS, competing for the senior and junior TTs, with several wins each during the 20s and 30s.

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firm of HB, in Walsall Street, raced in 1923. Extraordinarily, these were not the only motor-bike manufacturers in Wolverhampton.

Clyno was a major name, but never fielded a racing team, and later turned to building cars. Villiers was one of the biggest names in the industry, but mostly as an engine supplier. Only very late in the day did the company build some of the last Norton Commando motorcycles, finishing in 1975.

Several other small manufacturers sprang up over the years, usually not lasting long like Juckles on the Bilston Road, Olympic in Granville Street, Orbit in Sedgley Street and Wearwell in Great Brickkiln Street.

Now all of these marques are gone, and a town which was almost the centre of the British motorbike industry does not even have on display a single example of those glorious days.



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The company's origin can be traced back to the collapse of an order for bicycles. When William Henry Fellows was left with the unwanted order he decided to sell the bicycles by auction along with his wife Louisa, who was a pawnbroker and used auctions to sell uncollected pledges.

It was in the 1920s that the auction house grew when William's son, Francis, sold items on behalf of refugees escaping the ravages of the Russian Revolution.

In the 1930s people escaping Nazi persecution were able to smuggle out some of their wealth and sell it during sales at

## MEMORY LANE

By Graeme Andrew

Fellows. Auctions during this period also included lost property from the Royal Mail.

The move to its current location at Augusta House in the Jewellery Quarter took place in 1990.

By this time, Fellows had built up a reputation specialising in jewellery auctions and also set up a fine art and furniture department. Since the 1990s, the company has expanded from five to over 75 staff, holding more than 100 sales a year.

### Tremendous

A recent addition to the Fellows' repertoire is the specialist 'watch sale', which launched earlier this year and continues to be a tremendous success for both watch vendors and buyers alike who visit the monthly sale.

Whilst still holding over 50 Jewellery

sales a year, which range from fortnightly jewellery sales to the glittering monthly antique and modern jewellery auctions, a series of niche sales in markets such as coins, vintage jewellery, and silver still take place.

The continuing change in inventory at Fellows means that the auction house is continuously surrounded by a hub of excitement amongst those who are lovers of antiques, watches and jewellery throughout the year.

Anyone interested can visit the website to see the upcoming auction calendar, by logging onto [www.fellows.co.uk](http://www.fellows.co.uk).

As well as in the second city, the auctioneers have an office in Mayfair to better serve clients based in London and the surrounding area.

Upcoming events at Fellows include – Jewellery & Watches: Today, Thursday May 7; Antique & Modern Jewellery: Thursday May 14; Watches & Watch Parts: Monday May 18; Jewellery & Watches: Thursday May 21; The Watch Sale: Tuesday May 26.



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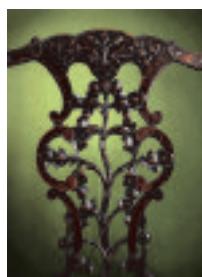
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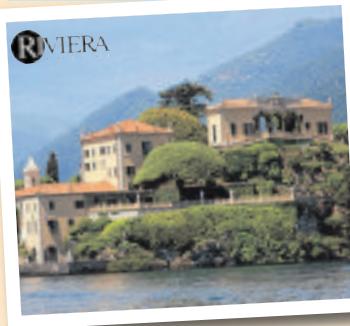
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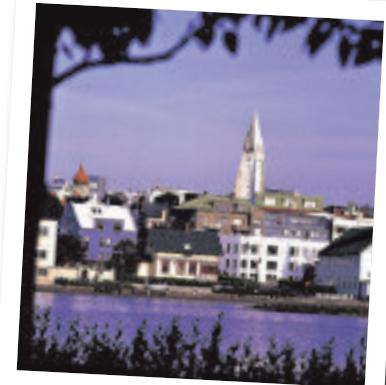
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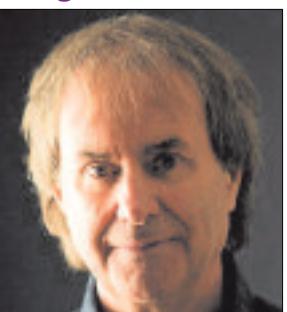
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# Take That relish their threedom



Everything Changes — Take That soar over the heads of their fans in a spectacular concert, picture by Andrew Whittton

AND then there were three... the new trio version of Take That promise a spectacular series of shows at the Genting Arena, starting on Monday.

Gary Barlow, Mark Owen and Howard Donald will play a total of seven concerts at the mega venue near Birmingham, also including Tuesday, Thursday, next Friday and Saturday, before returning on June 22 and 23.

Take That are the UK's most successful live act ever.

They have had eight number one albums, 15 number one singles, sold over 30 million albums, won six Ivor Novello awards, eight BRITs and sold over seven million concert tickets.

Minus Jason Orange and Robbie Williams, the band have returned with aptly-titled new album III and

the hit These Days. They are embarking on a 24-date tour, four years after their record-breaking Progress Live wowed their fans.

It will be worth turning up in time to catch support act, the BRIT-nominated Ella Henderson, who hit the number one spot with her debut album Chapter One and had hits with the singles Ghost and Glow.

## Thea haunted by her songs



*'I had things to say so I found a way to say them'*

### Little Voice will be heard again at Rep

TWO of Britain's favourite soap actors are in a new production of Jim Cartwright's popular play The Rise And Fall Of Little Voice, at Birmingham Repertory Theatre from May 15 to 30.

The Olivier award-winning play about the shy but hugely talented Little Voice stars Coronation Street's Vicki Entwistle and Chris Gascoyne, who played Janice Battersby and Peter Barlow. In the demanding role of LV is Nancy Sullivan from the West End production of Les Misérables. Vicki Entwistle plays her blowzy mum and Chris Gascoyne is agent Ray Say, who wants to cash in on LV's impersonations of such divas as Judy Garland and Shirley Bassey.

### Ray patched up to play new date

AMERICAN soft rock specialists Dr Hook, featuring iconic eyepatch-wearing frontman Ray Sawyer, return to live work following Ray's accident that postponed the band's March Hooked On Hits tour. The 78-year-old broke his arm in a fall.

One of the rescheduled shows includes the Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, May 14. The now solo Dennis Locorriere was the main vocalist for most of the band's hits, but Ray Sawyer—who lost an eye in a car accident in 1967—also contributed vocals, most memorably on Cover Of The Rolling Stone. Expect to hear all the hits, including Sylvia's Mother.

### Cabaret festival at pub theatre

BIRMINGHAM'S first cabaret festival is going to take place during the second half of May.

The Old Joint Stock theatre pub at Temple Row West in the city centre is the venue for acts ranging from comedy to circus via music, drag and burlesque.

It kicks off with Edinburgh Fringe hit Boris and Sergey's Vaudevillian Adventure, an adults only puppet show, on May 15. Other highlights will include gentleman juggler Matt Ricardo on May 16, Mr B The Gentleman Rhymer on May 22 and The Weatherman by Kiki Lovechild on May 27. For full line up see [www.oldjointstock.co.uk](http://www.oldjointstock.co.uk) website.

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One of the eatery's delicious offerings



There are 10 combination dishes to choose from

# Silk appeal firmly rooted in word of mouth on this handy eatery

**INDIAN** restaurant proprietors will tell you they rely on word of mouth to attract custom. It's a policy that is working very well for Nazrul Islam.

He has a loyal fanbase, having built up a reputation at Balti Nights in Willenhall, and these customers have helped spread the word since the move to the Old Mitre pub just under a year ago.

Located along Burnsips Road, Essington, on the main stretch of the A462, the eatery could not be more ideally placed for passing trade and is perfect for diners travelling from the Wolverhampton, Bloxwich, Walsall and Cannock areas.

A back-to-back winner of the best Midlands restaurant title while at Balti Nights, Nazrul has more than 15 years experience in the restaurant trade and is keen on

By Mark Shipp

helping out good causes, too, with around £40,000 raised over the years for children's charities and Acorns Hospice.

"We worked hard for 15 years or so, when we came here, a lot of people followed us," said Nazrul. "I am honoured by the support shown by customers."

After buying the premises from Enterprise Inns, Nazrul quickly set about transforming it into Silk Roots and around 90 people turned out for its opening. The Old Mitre still stands, however, and serves traditional pub fare. In fact, Nazrul is keen to bring back its glory days.

"The Old Mitre had a good reputation and we want to bring that back," he said.

Tastefully decorated, Silk Roots caters for 160 diners, with corporate bookings and private parties accepted. Parking is plen-

iful, with spaces across the road in addition to the restaurant's own car park.

The restaurant can be accessed via the pub, and diners can sit with a drink while waiting for a table. Pub lunches are also served.

## Appetite

My partner and I ventured on a midweek night and after a drink to whet the appetite, poppadums were the order of the day. This led to a novelty for me, as, while these came with the traditional dips, it is usually assumed one knows what these are. Here, staff took the time to explain what all these dips were – a pleasant, personal touch that only added to the experience.

A mixed starter was dished up for us next, with lamb chops, kebabs and bhajis, which, while tasty, only served to fill us up before the mains arrived. We gave them a good go,

though, and again there was an extensive offering. My own choice was Combination Number 9, or chicken mital and chicken tikka malay to give it its proper name. The medium dishes complemented each other well, while my partner's option was the chicken passanda, creamy and served with ground almonds and pistachios.

The beauty is, with the starters included, the meals alone would amount to just £20, so despite a bulging waistline, there's not a big dent left in the bank balance.

Alas, there was no room to choose from the dessert list that included apple pie and chocolate fudge cake.

In the run-up to the restaurant's first anniversary, diners can enjoy four courses from the à la carte menu for £9.95 on a Sunday and a Monday. There is a takeaway and delivery service. To book, call 01922 276900 or visit [www.silkrootsrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.silkrootsrestaurant.co.uk)

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As well as the food bars and counters, an open kitchen island features a number of chefs (also from across the world). Customers can ask for a particular dish to be prepared instantly to add to their buffet choice. Regular choices of Indian Naan bread and Dosa pancake, Chinese Stir fry and Grilled dishes are often supplemented by other speciality delicacies.

### Weekend Specials

On busy weekends (from Friday), the number of dishes are increased, including an extended seafood and salad bars. Weekend specials such as Paella and Sushi plus traditional English roast on Sundays. There is also more for kids with free face painting on Saturday's lunchtime & a resident clown on Sundays all day. There is a free parking too.

This multi-cultural restaurant offers a broad variety of delicious dishes from across the world in one comfortable 200 seat space.

Special events are one of the key features at Red Leaf. They have just had a great success during Punjabi Food Festival in April. There were



many authentic dishes added to the regular buffet choices over 10 days during the festival, using locally sourced Meat, Poultry and Vegetables from the local suppliers & from the local farms.

A fixed price (varies across the week) includes as much as one can manage from the entire restaurant, from starters, sides, salads, mains and desserts. The drinks, also carries a broad range of beverages: soft drinks, teas and coffees, cocktails, mocktails & smoothies, wines and champagnes, beers, spirits and liqueurs.

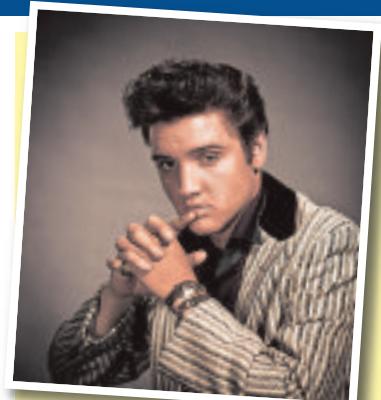
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**Katherine Jenkins**

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6.25 **Dad's Army**, Last-ever episode of the wartime comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 **BBC Young Dancer 2015**. Zoe Ball and Darcey Bussell present the grand final of the talent search from Sadler's Wells. Six dancers have made it through to the last show, and each will perform a solo piece from their repertoire, a duet and a new piece devised for them by some of the UK's leading choreographers. The judging panel is made up of leading directors and choreographers: Matthew Bourne, Mavin Khoo, Wayne McGregor, Tamara Rojo, Kenrick Sandy and Alastair Spalding. Last in the series.

9.00 **Some People with Jokes**. Members of the public who are 60 years of age and over tell their favourite gags to the camera. (R)

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10.55 **QI XL**. Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the quiz with a difference, with Josh Widdicombe, Phillip Jupitus, Katherine Ryan and Alan Davies answering questions on the topic of K-Folk. (R)

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## ITV

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6.00 **New You've Been Framed!** Reloaded. Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers in this special extended episode.

7.00 **Ninja Warrior UK**. Competitors from across the nation test their strength, speed and courage in this obstacle-course challenge, hosted by Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara. Those who make it to the end of the adrenaline-fuelled mission face one final task – scaling the heights of a tower named Mount Midoriyama – as they battle it out for the title of Ninja Warrior.

8.00 **Britain's Got Talent**, Ant and Dec host the most-watched show of the nationwide talent search. A wide variety of acts, from comedians to contortionists, singers to spoon players, compete to impress judging panel Simon Cowell, Alesha Dixon, Amanda Holden and David Walliams with their unusual skills – with a huge cash prize and a coveted slot at the Royal Variety Performance up for grabs at the end of the series.

9.15 **Play to the Whistle**. Former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, comedian Bob Mortimer and Emmerdale star Natalie Anderson join team captains Frank Lampard and Bradley Walsh on the comedy sports quiz.

10.00 **ITV News: Weather**.

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6.15 **How I Met Your Mother**, (R) 6.40 **How I Met Your Mother**, (R) 7.05 **Challenge Wanaka**, 7.30 **The Grid**, 8.00 **The Morning Line**, 9.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond**, (R) 9.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond**, (R) 10.30 **Wister**, (R) 11.00 **Frasier**, (R) 11.30 **The Big Bang Theory**, (R) 12.00 **The Big Bang Theory**, (R) 1.25 **Marvel's Agents of SHIELD**, (R) 2.25 **Channel 4 Racing**. Live coverage from Ascot, Lingfield Park and Haydock Park. 4.10 **Come Dine with Me**, (R) 4.40 **Come Dine with Me**, (R) 5.10 **Come Dine with Me**, (R) 5.45 **Come Dine with Me**, (R)

6.10 **The Simpsons**. A terrorism scare prompts the people of Springfield to hire a British security consultant, who installs surveillance cameras everywhere. (R)

6.35 **Channel 4 News**.

7.00 **For the Love of Cars**. Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead turn their attention to the 1980s "hot hatch" – city run-a-rounds, such as the Volkswagen Golf GTI and Peugeot 205, which became must-haves for boy racers. They help transform a Golf GTI Mk 1 into a rally car and meet hatchback fanatics to discover why people are so passionate about these vehicles and how, for some, they defined an era. (R)

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## CHANNEL 5

6.00 **Milkshake!** 10.00 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles**, (R) 10.30 **Chinese Food in Minutes**, (R) 10.45 **Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs**, (R) 11.45 **Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs**, (R) 12.45 **Film: Attack on the Iron Coast**, (1968). 2.35 **Film**:

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- 6.50** Regional Programme.
- 7.00** Countryfile. Adam Henson is at the Food and Farming Awards in Bristol, where announces the winner of the first Countryfile Farming Hero and also talks about his own hero, Robert Bakewell, the father of selective breeding. The rest of the team celebrates other farming pioneer past and present, including tractor inventor Harry Ferguson, the man who set up the RSPCA and a man whose efforts helped feed the nation when it was needed the most. With Matt Baker, Ellie Harrison, Anita Rani and Tom Heap.
- 8.00** The British Academy Television Awards. Graham Norton hosts the annual ceremony celebrating the best of British TV, held at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane in London. Shows battling for recognition include Happy Valley, Line of Duty, The Missing and Marvellous, which all have three nominations each, while the entertainment performance category sees Graham himself competing against Ant and Dec, Claudia Winkleman for Strictly and Leigh Francis – better known as alter ego Keith Lemon – for Celebrity Juice. Channel 4 News anchor Jon Snow will be awarded the Baffa Fellowship, celebrating more than 40 years in journalism and broadcasting.
- 10.00** BBC News.
- 10.20** Regional Programme.
- 10.30** Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Chelsea v Liverpool at Stamford Bridge and Manchester City v Queens Park Rangers at the Etihad Stadium.
- 11.30** Film: The Mothman Prophecies. (2002) A journalist investigates reports of encounters with a moth-like creature that his wife claimed to see before she died. Thriller, with Richard Gere.
- 1.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.25** BBC News.

### BBC2

- 6.05** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **7.00** Countryfile. (R) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** Alex Polizzi: Chefs on Trial. (R) **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Athletics: Great Manchester Run. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. **1.05** MOTD2 Extra. **2.00** Equestrian: Badminton Horse Trials. **4.00** The Olympic Journey: Born Winners. Gabby Logan investigates whether a person's DNA decides if they will be a winner. **4.30** Athletics: Great Manchester Run Highlights. **5.30** Flop It! (R)
- 6.00** VE Day 70: The Nation Remembers – Highlights. Today's events to commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE Day, beginning with a service of thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey, followed by a parade of veterans and a fly-past. **7.00** Britain's Greatest Generation. The extraordinary stories of some of the British men and women who fought or lived through the Second World War, now in their nineties or older. (R)
- 8.00** Hunters of the South Seas. Will Millard heads to the Trobriand Islands, 150 miles off the east coast of Papua New Guinea, where he discovers a trading network called the Kula Ring. Last in the series.
- 9.00** Wellington: The Iron Duke Unmasked. First in a two-part portrait of the Duke of Wellington, with Richard E Grant starring in a series of dramatic reconstructions aiming to discover the man behind the public image.
- 10.00** Modern Times: For Richer For Poorer. Every year, half-a-million new businesses are launched in Britain and 40 per cent of them will be run by couples. Cameras follow four of these brave, enterprising twosomes.
- 11.00** W1A. Anna is crowned as the Head of Better, and the staff are given the task of announcing the concept to the world at large – which is fine, except none of them know what Better means. (R)
- 11.30** Film: Smart People. (2008) A misanthropic professor's self-absorption threatens his faltering relationship with a former student. Comedy drama, starring Dennis Quaid, Ellen Page and Thomas Haden Church.
- 1.00** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.55** Holby City. (R) **2.55** This is BBC Two.

### ITV

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- 8.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium. Actor and comedian singer Alexander Armstrong hosts the variety show from the West End theatre, introducing music by violinist Andre Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra, and two of America's hottest singing talents – All About That Bass star Meghan Trainor and Josh Groban, whose classical-style voice has helped him shift more than 25 million albums. There's also comedy from Lee Nelson and Rod Woodward, hot moves from Ethiopian acrobatics AAC Boys and dancers Quest Crew, and an energetic performance from the cast of West End musical The Commitments.
- 9.00** House Fires. Drama about a wartime Women's Institute group. As Frances and Joyce battle for leadership, Pat struggles with her unhappy marriage and Miriam tries to stop David enlisting.
- 10.00** CITV News: Weather.
- 10.35** Perspectives: In Charlie Chaplin's Footsteps. Monty Python star Terry Jones, a long-time fan of silent comedy, offers a personal appraisal of the man who arguably changed the face of film comedy in the 1920s.
- 11.35** Premiership Rugby Union. **12.30** The Store. **2.30** Motorsport UK. **3.20** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.10** CITV News.
- 5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

### CHANNEL 4

- 6.20** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** British GT. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30** Film: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules. (2011) Children's comedy, with Zachary Gordon. **5.30** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. **6.30** Channel 4 News.
- 7.00** Three in a Bed. At the Maypole Inn Pub a B&B in Skipton, North Yorkshire, former Butlins stand-up comic Malcolm Kilburn and his wife Sue don't believe in unnecessary frills. Their rivals are perfectionists Ianroy and Melanie McCall of the luxury Wootton Park estate in Warwickshire, and retired Navy Wren Mary Lloyd-Wright and her stepdaughter Cherry Priscott, who owns Hocks Cottage in the Dartmoor countryside. The week of competitive hosting features unwelcome surprises beneath the sheets, fancy bottles of water and a stand-off between guests and wildlife.
- 8.00** For the Love of Cars. Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead enter the world of micro cars, driving a 1960 Messerschmitt, 1960s bubble cars and the ill-fated Sinclair C5, as well as restoring a Fiat 500.
- 9.00** Film: Prometheus. (2012) Premiere. A spaceship is sent to another world, leaving clues left in ancient artefacts. In search of aliens that may have created the human race. However, the explorers on board discover the extraterrestrials may not be the benevolent creatures they imagined, while the company funding the expedition has its own agenda. Ridley Scott's sci-fi thriller and Alien prequel, starring Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender, Charlize Theron and Idris Elba.
- 11.25** Film: Piranha 3DD. (2012) The opening of a water park is turned into a massacre when man-eating fish start feasting on the visitors. Comedy horror, starring Danielle Panabaker and Matt Bush.
- 1.00** 24 Hours in A&E. (R) **1.55** Film: Nautilus Pennington. (2007) **3.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.50** Deal or No Deal. (R)

### CHANNEL 5

- 6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.35** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.55** Masha and the Bear. **7.00** Child's Play. (R) **7.15** The Little Prince. (R) **7.30** Make Way for Ducklings. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.00** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.10** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.25** Tots Travelling Circus. **8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.00** LazyTown. (R) **9.25** Ollie the Little White Van. (R) **9.30** Dora and Friends. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.45** Film: National Security. (2003) Action comedy, starring Martin Lawrence and Steve Zahn. **3.25** Film: Big Momma's House. (2000) Comedy, starring Martin Lawrence. **4.15** Film: Spider-Man 3. (2007) An alien parasite causes the web-slinging crimefighter's dark side to surface as he seeks revenge on his uncle's killer. Superhero sequel, with Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst.
- 8.00** Film: Grow Ups. (2010) Five friends reunite for the funeral of their high-school basketball coach. However, when they discover they have all acquired the problems and responsibilities that come with adulthood, they decide to spend a weekend at a lake house in a bid to recuperate their childhood. Comedy, with Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Kevin James, David Spade and Rob Schneider.
- 10.00** Film: Safe. (2012) A former cage fighter protects a 12-year-old girl holding valuable information that several criminal wants. Action thriller, starring Jason Statham and Catherine Chan.
- 11.45** Film: Soldiers of Fortune. (2012) Premiere. A group of wealthy thrill-seekers pay big bucks to experience a military-style mission. Action adventure, starring Christian Slater.
- 1.35** Game: Victoria gets the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette, wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** GPS: Behind Closed Doors. The observational documentary returns, this time giving an insight into the work of doctors at Putney Heath Group Medical Practice in Putney, south-west London. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm. (R)

### DIGITAL

- BBC Three**
- 7.00** Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth. **7.10** Top Gear 7.55 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (2011) **10.00** Tatoo 11.25 Family Guy 12.10 Murder in Springfield 12.45 Family Guy 1.25 Russell Howard's Good News 1.30 News in Society 2.20 Deep 2.40 Tatoo 4.00 Close
- BBC Four**
- 7.00** Secrets of the Universe: Great Scientists in Their Own Words 8.00 Horizon: Who's Afraid of a Big Black Hole? **9.00** Horizon: 40 Years on the Moon 10.00 The Sky at Night 10.30 Explosive: How We Shocked the World 11.00 The Joy of the Guitars 12.30 Great Guitar Riffs at the BBC 1.30 BBC Young Dancer 2015 2.30 The Sky at Night 3.00 Horizon: Who's Afraid of a Big Black Hole? **4.00** Close
- ITV2**
- 12.15** Take Me Out 1.45 Meghan Trainor. The Hollies 2.00 Film: Home and Bound II: Lost in France (1998) **3.45** Film: Richie Rich (1994) 5.45 Britain's Got Talent 7.00 Britain's Got More Talent 8.00 You've Been Framed! Best of the 90s 9.00 Film: The Dark Knight (2008) **12.05** Film: American Pie Presents Band Camp (2005) 1.55 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.15 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen 3.40
- ITV3**
- 12.00** Film: Columbo: A Stitch in Crime (1973) **1.30** Lewis 3.35 Wycliffe 4.45 Agatha Christie's Marple 6.45 Inspector Morse 9.00 The Best of the Royal Variety 10.00 Wycliffe 11.10 Film: Hamlet (1990) 1.50 Secret Smile 3.05 Judge Judy 3.25 ITV3 Nightscreen 3.40 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping
- E4**
- 12.00** Made in Chelsea 1.00 Revenge 2.00 Jane the Virgin 3.00 The Goldbergs 4.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Film: Main in Manhattan (2002) **10.05** The Big Bang Theory 11.10 Film: Jennifer's Body (2009) 1.15 Virtually Famous 2.00 Rude Tube: Ultimate Champions 2.55 Rules of Engagement 3.45 Hollywood
- Film4**
- 11.00** Live British Touring Car Championship. Round three from Thruxton. **6.30** BRC Formula 4 Championship Highlights 7.30 Pawns Stars 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: National Lampoon's European Vacation (1985) **11.05** Film: Bowfinger (1999) **1.00** River Monsters 2.00 Hell on Wheels 2.55 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping
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- 11.00** At the Earth's Core (1976) **1.00** Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **2.50** Rio (2011) **4.00** City of Ember (2008) **6.30** Runaway Jury (2003) **9.00** The Inbetweeners Movie (2011) **10.55** Killing Them Softly (2012) **12.50** A Civil Action (1998) **3.15** Close

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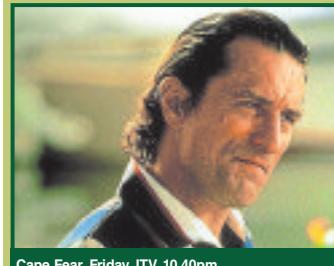
### MONDAY

**Death Sentence**, Channel 5, 10.55pm  
Mild-mannered executive Nick Hume's perfect, peaceful life is destroyed when his oldest son is killed by a street gang. Hume becomes determined to see those responsible pay for their crimes, gaining the sympathy and support of a homicide detective working on the case. However, she begins to question her position as Hume's methods of retribution become increasingly violent. Thriller, starring Kevin Bacon, Kelly Preston and Garrett Hedlund. (2007)

### WEDNESDAY

#### Margin Call, BBC1, 11.15pm

A bitter executive is dismissed from an investment bank, but plans his revenge by handing secret information on the company's fortunes to a junior analyst. When the information is decoded, it reveals that the company is on the brink of a devastating financial crisis, a revelation that is soon spreading throughout the workforce. Drama, starring Kevin Spacey, Paul Bettany and Jeremy Irons. (2011)



Cape Fear, Friday, ITV, 10.40pm

### FRIDAY

#### Cape Fear, ITV, 10.40pm

A psychopathic rapist is released from prison after 14 years and plots revenge on the defence attorney he blames for his imprisonment. Subjecting the lawyer and his family to a terrifying campaign of intimidation, he uses his knowledge of the law to stay untouched. Martin Scorsese's thriller remake, starring Robert De Niro, Nick Nolte and Jessica Lange. (1991)

### I Love You, Man, BBC1, 11.50pm

As he prepares for his wedding, estate agent Peter realises there is something missing – a male friend, which he doesn't have, to be his best man. His quest for a suitable candidate leads him to laid-back, hard-drinking Sydney and the pair become inseparable buddies – to the horror of Peter's fiancee. Comedy, starring Paul Rudd and Jason Segel. (2009)

### (500) Days of Summer, Channel 4, 12.25am

A man looks back on his 500-day-long relationship with the woman he loves, remembering events in a random order. Romantic comedy, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zooey Deschanel. (2009)

## Honouring the best in British television

Can the TV Baftas outshine their cinematic counterpart? Well, one man adding a little more glamour to the proceedings is Benedict Cumberbatch, who is now a force to be reckoned with in Hollywood following his Oscar nomination for playing Alan Turing in *The Imitation Game*.

He's since received his third Leading Actor Bafta nod (and sixth in total) for the role that first gained him international recognition – that of enigmatic super-detective Holmes in *Sherlock*, the modern reworking of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous tales.

He's up against James Nesbitt for *The Missing*, and two extraordinary performances as real-life people from *Toby Jones* and *Jane Watkinson*. *Watkinson* was outstanding in *The Lost Honour of Christopher Jefferies*, but the winner should be Jones, whose take on clown and football mascot Neil Baldwin in *Marvellous* was arguably the TV highlight of 2014.

The Leading Actress category will be very hotly contested, with first-time nominee Georgina Campbell in the running for surprise hit *Murdered* by

My Boyfriend, alongside Keeley Hawes for *Line of Duty*.

But then the big guns come out. Sheridan Smith has been hotly tipped for her performance in *Cilla*, which was great – until you realise she didn't look or sound like Cilla Black, the person she was playing.

So, if there's any justice, it will be Sarah Lancashire who wins for her career-best turn in *Happy Valley*, which would also be her second win in as many years – in 2014 she took home the Supporting Actress trophy for her work in *Last Tango in Halifax*.

Other luminaries in the running include the ceremony's host, Graham Norton, for his BBC chat show, as well as Matt Berry (*Toast of London*), Hugh Bonneville (*W1A*), Claudia Winkleman (*Strictly Come Dancing*) and Stephen Rea (*The Honourable Woman*).

Watch out too for Olivia Colman, who is nominated for the fourth consecutive year, this time in the Female Performance in a Comedy Programme for *Rev*.

We do, however, already know the identity of one winner. The name 'Jon

Snow' may now be synonymous with a Game of Thrones character, but the real Jon Snow, ie the Channel 4 newsreader who has spent the past 40 years covering globally important stories, will receive the Bafta Fellowship.

This grand award has previously been handed to the likes of Julie Walters, Michael Palin and David Attenborough, so Snow is in great company.

"I am genuinely overwhelmed by the honour of being awarded a Bafta Fellowship," says Snow. "There is no greater recognition than that of one's own industry."

"I thought at first Bafta must have the wrong Snow... There are several of my cousins they could have chosen. I'm genuinely looking forward to the ceremony. I think my daughters have concluded I've finally done something cool!"

Expect tears and laughter throughout the night as British TV's great and good give each other a good old pat on the back, but try not to get too upset if your personal favourite goes home empty handed.



The British Academy Television Awards, Sunday, BBC1, 8pm

## BEST OF THE REST

### MONDAY

#### Episodes

#### BBC2, 10pm

Showtime's TV-industry satire returns for a fourth season, and with their hopes of a new life overseas now on the back burner, Sean (Stephen Mangan) and Beverly (Tamsin Greig) are dragged back to Hollywood to make six more episodes of the previously cancelled *Pucks*. 'It's risen, like Jesus. If Jesus was a sitcom that no one watched,' says the show's leading actress Morning Randolph (Mircea Monroe). Meanwhile, Matt (Matt LeBlanc) attends a funeral and discovers that the deceased – the man who looked after his money – had been scamming him for years, to the tune of 32 million dollars, no less. Finally, Carol (Kathleen Rose Perkins) lobbies to run the network after discovering the identity of her new boss.

### TUESDAY

#### Big Brother: Timebomb Live Launch

#### Channel 5, 9pm

It's back – and it's going to be a blast. As if sharing a house with a group of complete strangers, all with very big personalities, wasn't tricky enough, this year we're promised that the reality show is going to be extra mischievous, as the contestants place their past, present and future in Big Brother's hands. In

fact, BB is going to start to playing with the very concept of time itself – and not just by making viewers think they'll just tune in for a few minutes to check out the latest intake, only to later realise they've been gripped for two hours. Emma Willis takes charge this evening, as she introduces us to Big Brother's class of 2015, and also lets us have a good look around the house, which has had a Mad Men-inspired 1960s makeover.

### WEDNESDAY

#### Inspector George Gently

#### BBC1, 8pm

Last week, Gently investigated a case that looked like suicide, but turned out to be murder. This week, he does the same thing again although, thankfully, the circumstances are very different. This time, the body is that of Scott Parker, who is found lying on a rubbish pile under the Tyne Bridge, shortly after celebrating his 40th birthday with his best friends Petey and Michael. All Scott had on him was a pawn broker note, a betting slip and the number for Gwendolyn Howard. It turns out he had been

pawning items under a false name and was in serious debt – but who is Gwendolyn, and does she hold the key to the mystery? Watch out for a guest appearance by Jim Moir, aka Vic Reeves.

### The World's Most Expensive Food

#### Channel 4, 8pm

Like many cities, London is a place of opposites. There are poverty-stricken estates peppered across its expanse, but there are also areas of great wealth too. In fact, it's been estimated that the capital is now home to more billionaires than any other city on the planet. These mega-rich folk may live the kind of lifestyles the rest of us can only dream about, we all have at least one thing in common with them – the need to eat. But what do those with untold millions enjoy? We're guessing that nipping down to their local supermarket isn't on their daily agenda. This two-part programme aims to lift the lid on their habits, as well as offering an insight into the catering companies trying to keep up with their changing appetites.



Big Brother: Timebomb Live Launch, Tuesday, Channel 5, 9pm

### THURSDAY

#### Fraud Squad

#### ITV, 9pm

The documentary series exploring the work of detectives from the City of London Police unit concludes with an insight into an operation to shut down a large-scale bank-cheque fraud empire. Run by a Zimbabwean gang, the scheme involved counterfeiting cheques from thousands of people, government institutions, small businesses, and even a hospice in Scotland. The criminals used an army of 'mules' to cash their fake cheques for a small commission. Funds were then being transferred to Zimbabwe in the form of luxury cars, by a ringleader who viewed his crimes as payback for his native country's colonial grievances against the UK.

### FRIDAY

#### Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites

#### BBC2, 8pm

New series. The veteran cook shares a selection of her favourite recipes, each inspired by a favourite place. In the first programme, she drew her inspiration from childhood trips to the seaside, preparing goats cheese and shallot tarts with an innovative walnut pastry, considered ideal for a picnic hamper. She moves on to a family favourite – royal crab and cod fishcakes with tomato salsa.

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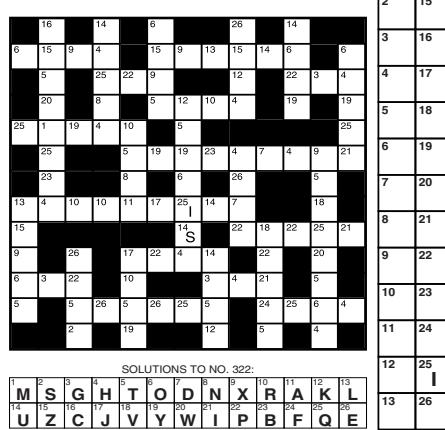


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### Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



### Quiz

1. In Greek mythology who was the sister and wife of Zeus?
2. When did Queen Victoria succeed to the throne?
3. Jomo Kenyatta was prime minister of which country?
4. Who wrote the opera Fidelio?
5. How many gills are in one pint?
6. In which American state is Fort Knox?
7. Which element has the symbol A?
8. Who wrote the Palliser novels?
9. What was the first James Bond film?
10. Which Shakespeare play features the character Polonius?

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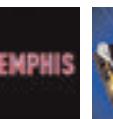
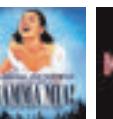
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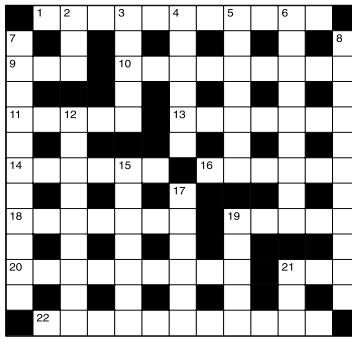
## PUZZLES

### Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

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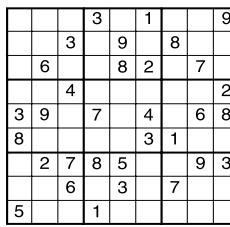
1. Not in top form? (6-5)
9. Also the last of 20 (3)
10. Capital charges here inappropriate here (5-4)
11. Took measured steps, perhaps (5)
13. Sleep it off when letter comes (7)
14. Very small amount of time (6)
16. Worse than Cinderella's sisters? (6)
18. Steeped as far down as possible (7)
19. Sounds a tiny thing, but the power's there! (5)
20. Inferior worker is sly (9)
21. Nothing indicated as the end-product also (3)
22. There are no factors in production of the best anaesthetic, apparently (5,6)
1. The last of 12 (3)
3. Took steps to ease friction.... (5)
4. ....and we'd begun to appear.... (6)
5. ....having fun, like the early-rising bird (7)
6. Begin with fish - it's breath-taking (9)
7. Successful spiritualist avoids extremes (5,6)
8. Piercing a rotten pine (11)
12. Study offer made by competitor (9)
15. It is to be proved that article needs more changes (7)
17. This melody takes considerable effort (6)
19. She is absolutely crazy before noon! (5)
21. Where part of the foot points? (3)



#### Quick Clues:

Across	Down
1. Dogmatic (11)	2. Place (3)
9. Encountered (3)	3. Disagreeable (5)
10. Looker-on (9)	4. Fairy king (6)
11. Adorn (5)	5. Performer (7)
13. Watch (7)	6. Installed as bishop (9)
14. Grand (6)	7. Diplomats (11)
16. Small flag (6)	8. Unceremonious (4,3,4)
18. Abhors (7)	12. Respectable (9)
19. Evade (5)	15. Determine (7)
20. Uprising (9)	17. Desire (6)
21. A fuel (3)	19. Ate dinner (5)
22. Eternal (5-6)	21. Fire-arm (3)

### Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

#### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

7|3|1|9|1|9|2|5|6|8|4  
8|5|8|2|3|4|9|2|1  
2|9|4|6|8|1|5|3|7  
3|7|5|8|9|3|2|4|6  
1|3|2|4|5|6|7|8|9  
6|4|5|1|2|3|4|5|6  
4|6|3|2|1|8|7|5|9  
9|8|2|5|6|7|4|1|3  
5|1|7|3|4|9|8|6|2

#### No. 322 CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Biarritz; 7 Fours; 9 First; 10 Cabinet; 12 Information; 14 Saintliness; 18 Flogged; 19 Brief; 21 Quits; 22 Goliath; Down: 1 Rigid; 2 Pass on; 3 Err; 4 Soviet; 5 Emperor; 8 Raiment; 11 Coalmen; 13 Fall out; 15 Nights; 16 Scout; 17 Delta; 20 Hoe; QUICK - Across: 6 Recount; 7 Quote; 9 Haste; 10 Retinue; 12 Fraudulence; 14 Hairdresser; 18 Proceed; 19 Comic; 21 Scorn; 22 Fraught; Down: 1 Delay; 2 Poster; 3 Ink; 4 Fultie; 5 Staunch; 8 Request; 11 Quarrel; 13 Caprice; 15 Record; 16 Exodus; 17 Right; 20 Art.

#### Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

145 gives a rodent,  
3678 gives a wild animal,  
9243 gives an aquatic mammal.



**Codeword:** 1=R, 2=W, 3=H, 4=I, 5=E, 6=D, 7=V, 8=G, 9-K, 10-P, 11-T, 12-X, 13-Y, 14-M, 15-O, 16-C, 17-Q, 18-F, 19-N, 20-A, 21-B, 22-U, 23-Z, 24-L, 25-J, 26-S.

**Sudoku:**  
7|9|6|3|5|4|2|8|1  
1|3|2|7|9|8|6|4|5  
4|5|8|1|2|6|7|9|3  
3|7|5|8|9|3|2|4|6  
1|3|2|4|5|6|7|8|9  
6|4|5|1|2|3|4|5|6  
4|6|3|2|1|8|7|5|9  
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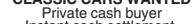
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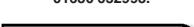
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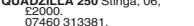
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# 5-door hatch a MINI marvel!

**By Sharon Walters**

**It didn't get off to a good start. I jumped in to the MINI Cooper D 1.5 for the first time to take son to the railway station and kept hitting my elbow against the driver's door.**

"For goodness sake," I exclaimed, "I'm only five feet four with appropriate length limbs and this should not be happening. What if I was a six footer?"

Then I regaled and probably bored my son to death with tales of my very first car, a Mini van when I was a student, back when God was a boy. I bought it for just £100 and sold it a year later for £90 after many hundreds of miles travelling to festivals and camping holidays. A whole year's motoring had cost me just £10 and I had never bruised my elbows when driving!

I moaned and groaned to myself on my return journey home and then had another look at the settings for the seat, steering wheel and centre console which also annoyed me. Hands up now. If I had taken more time to set the driving position up, I would not have endured bruised limbs. In my defence we were close to being late for the train and I had perhaps rushed the process. A couple of minutes and all was fine with the world.

The following day I embarked on a 420 mile trip along lanes and motorways which was followed by even more miles visiting friends and skirting mountains, followed by the trip back. Tiring you may think? Not in the least. I had some great fun in the car in a perfect driving position!

This five-door diesel can go like a pocket rocket in sport or 'go kart' mode when you

desire and eats up winding country roads like light snacks. And if you want to watch the economy it will cut back your fuel consumption in green mode. While for everyday driving there is a mid mode. This MINI Driving Modes option provides an excellent basis for fuel efficient motoring. A rotary switch at the base of the gear or selector lever is used to activate either the default mid mode, sport mode or green mode. In SPORT, the accelerator pedal and steering are switched to a more performance-oriented set-up, as are the shift times in cars fitted with the Steptronic transmission). In green mode, a more relaxed and fuel-efficient driving style is supported by intelligent control of energy and climate management, as well as by systems such as shift point display.

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What is a delight is the sense of urgency when you push this MINI at speed, especially in sport when the steering gets sharper and the throttle is quicker. A real joy to drive. It performs and handles so well, never any hesitation or nervousness even when taking on winding and rolling country roads.

The 114bhp 3-cylinder 1.5-litre diesel engine has so much torque and gets from 0-62mph sprint time in a shade over nine seconds with a top speed (where legal!) of 126mph. An additional pleasure, for me, is the gently throaty burble when you're in the lower rev range.

There is plenty of room for four and you can get a third passenger in the back. But in reality that would only be comfortable for short journeys. However a child would be quite at ease. MINI is targeting a more grown-up demographic with a five-door variant designed to appeal to those who

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**'What is a delight is the sense of urgency when you push this MINI at speed, especially in sport when the steering gets sharper and the throttle is quicker.'**

want to carry people in the rear. It will also appeal to those who may need more luggage space.

- The boot is good for the size of the car but with the rear seats folded down is impressive.

Inside the quality and equipment levels are very good. Standard specification includes a six-speed manual transmission, front and rear electric windows, electrically adjustable exterior mirrors, air-conditioning, door sill cover strips with a model-specific inscription, front fog lamps, onboard computer, MINI Radio including aux-in, USB interface and Bluetooth, DAB Digital Radio and front ISOFIX with passenger

plemented with a range of high-quality comfort, functionality and individualisation options.

On the safety front there's also a sizeable package.

The MINI 5-Door Hatch is available in six model variants with a choice of both petrol and diesel engines. A six-speed manual transmission is fitted as standard across the range, with a six-speed Steptronic transmission available as an option. Combined cycle CO<sub>2</sub> emissions start at just 92 g/km.

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# Honda's new HR-V looking on line to be ultra efficient

By James Parker

**Honda says its all-new HR-V will be one of the most efficient cars in its class and have an unmatched combination of sought-after attributes when it arrives in showrooms across the UK this summer.**

As well as dynamic styling, class-leading interior space and versatility, and advanced infotainment and safety technologies, the new HR-V will deliver fuel economy and emissions among the best in its class.

It will be offered from launch with a choice of 1.6 litre i-DTEC diesel and 1.5 litre i-VTEC petrol engines, both from Honda's advanced Earth Dreams Technology series.

"The Honda HR-V created this fast growing market segment back in 1999 and for 2015 the all new HR-V will offer a class leading ownership proposition, refinement, sleek styling, a quality feel as well as being packed to the roof with safety and technology features."

"We are confident that the HR-V will perform favourably against its main competitors in this segment, such as the current market leading Nissan Qashqai," said Leon Brannan, Head of Car, Honda (UK).

Combining the 1.6 litre i-DTEC diesel paired with a newly-engineered six-speed manual transmission, Honda's new subcompact SUV will return fuel economy figures from 71mpg, with CO2 emissions starting from just 104g/km.

HR-V customers won't find performance compromised by the car's frugality, however, with 118bhp powering the new HR-V from 0-62mph in 10.1 seconds.

Petrol buyers can select a 130 PS 1.5 litre i-VTEC engine, achieving combined fuel economy of 54.2mpg and CO2 emissions from 120 g/km when they opt for the CVT automatic transmission.

## Economy

When married with the standard six-speed manual, the new petrol-powered HR-V delivers fuel economy of 50mpg and CO2 emissions at a highly competitive 130 g/km.

Sprightly performance is assured with 62mph reached from standstill in just 10.3 seconds with the manual and 10.9 seconds when equipped with the optional CVT.

The new HR-V's efficient performance credentials are aided by its design and class-leading aerodynamics, with underbody panels optimising airflow. In profile, the HR-V portrays a characterful poise, with the distinctive, boldly sculpted lines of a coupé merged with the tough, solid stance of a robust SUV.

Inside, the new HR-V will offer class-leading boot space: 453 litres with the rear seats up and 1,026 litres with the rear seats down.

Thanks to innovative packaging, the Honda HR-V's best-in-class interior space is exceptionally versatile and incorporates Honda's highly practical Magic Seats system.

Premium quality materials and sophisticated cabin design are blended with the feel of a sporty, enveloping cockpit.

Specification highlights include the advanced Honda Connect in-car infotainment system, and a wide range of safety aids employing radar and camera technologies to scan the road ahead.

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# Peugeot 208 is on the up

By Graham Breeze

**It's time for Peugeot buyers to start getting excited with the arrival of the new 208 just around the corner.**

The 208 has been a key player in Peugeot's rise up the UK sales ladder and order books have been bulging since the new model was revealed at the Geneva Motor Show.

The new model hits our streets on June 1 with new styling, more colour choices and scores of personalisation opportunities. Expectations are high that this 208 will help Peugeot's sales soar, backed up by new equipment levels such as active city braking and reversing cameras to improve urban driving.

It's clearly a move up market and the 208 now looks much more distinctive with a wider front grille and new two-tone headlights with black chrome masks and a high-tech LED light signature, fitted as standard from Active trim upwards.

At the rear, the full LED light clusters have been redesigned to incorporate Peugeot's 3D 'claws' motif.

Further enhancements include exclusive new 16 and 17-inch wheel options, available across the range, available in a choice of painted, diamante or with innovative sequential diamante or laser engraved finishes.

Chrome door mirror shells are now standard from the Allure trim upwards.

When the 208 was launched in 2012 it was the first opportunity for customers to experience Peugeot's new 'i-Cockpit' cabin concept, which has since been adopted by the 2008 and new 308.

Consisting of a compact steering wheel, head-up instrumentation panel and large touch-screen, it compares well with anything in the sector and is easy to understand – with everything exactly where you expect to find it.

I particularly like the new steering wheel, which is now trimmed in full-grain leather from Active trim, while the soft-touch moulded dashboard strip – which is standard regardless of trim level – has new graining on higher specification models.

## Improvements

A seven-inch touch screen is standard from Active trim level, and provides easy access to all systems including audio, navigation, telephone, vehicle information and internet. There's on-board connectivity using Bluetooth, USB and mobile applications via Peugeot Connect Apps, adopting the latest software improvements.

New to 208 is the impressive MirrorScreen, which makes it possible to transfer the screen of a smartphone to the vehicle's display, to make full use of its applications.

Driving a different car every week I am finding parking a chore but the 208 now has Parking Assist allowing the vehicle to park in and leave a parallel parking space automatically. It's brilliant, once you have the confidence to let the vehicle park itself.

Personalisation is now a deciding factor in many small car purchases and available for the first time are exterior personalisation packs – such as Menthol White – which is a factory-fit option from Active trim level. And there's now 13 colours to pick from.

The revised engine line-up means all versions of the 208 meet stringent Euro 6 emissions standards.

Every version of the new 208 is below 95g/km of CO<sub>2</sub> and with the exception of the 75hp in entry level trim, all are equipped with Stop & Start (S&S) technology.

The 1.6-litre BlueHDi engines are now available with three power levels choices. The first two are the 75 and 100 S&S, which are coupled with a five-speed manual gearbox and capable of impressive economy at 94.1mpg – a record for the segment, and in the market. The third is the 120 S&S which is mated to a six-speed manual gearbox, which produces just 94g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Following the launch of the naturally aspirated 1.0-litre PureTech 68hp and 1.2-litre PureTech 82hp engines, the PureTech family



of three-cylinder petrol engines is expanded with the 1.2-litre turbocharged PureTech 110hp S&S version. Coupled with a five-speed manual gearbox, this engine achieves CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of just 103g/km.

The new 208 is available with the new EAT6 six-speed automatic gearbox, which uses Quickshift technology allowing for faster changes.

Peugeot hope that with official CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 104g/km, the 1.2-litre PureTech 110hp S&S EAT6 will be the reference in terms of a petrol automatic transmission in its segment.

Available in three and five-door versions, 208 GT Line is available with a choice of three engines – the 1.2-litre PureTech 110hp S&S

petrol or the 1.6-litre BlueHDi diesel in either 100hp or 120hp outputs.

I'm expecting the 208GTi to be particularly popular, featuring a lowered ride height, wider tracks, 18-inch wheels, matt black exterior features, sports 'bucket' front seats, red floor mats and two-tone paintwork.

And with Brembo front brakes, Torsen differential, tuned suspension and steering settings with Michelin Pilot Super Sport tyres the GTi will set a few hearts racing.

And with prices ranging from just over £10,000 to just under £20,000 there's something in the range to suit just about everyone's tastes.

Expect to see a lot more of the Peugeot 208.

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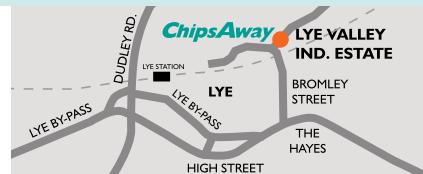
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## Swimmers' campaign gets off to a great start

**Mercian Summer League Round 1 Cheslyn Hay**

SWIMMERS from Halesowen swimming Club travelled to Cheslyn Hay for the first round of the Mercian Summer League on Saturday looking to pull off a good result.

The team got the 2015 campaign off to a great start and were in strong contention throughout the gala before grabbing the runners-up spot overall on the night.

Stars of the show were double event winners Jacob Bailey in the backstroke and breaststroke and Jakob Baker who competed in the butterfly and breaststroke.

Other individual event winners were Isobelle Cashmore in the breaststroke, Sam Bradley-Wood in the backstroke and Jemima Vaughan-Hawkins in the butterfly.

The relay teams were in fine form with the age 10 and under girls' team which included Libby Hickman, Eleanor Stark and Tegan Turley.

The open men's team included Tristan Bland, George Davies, Nigel Gaskin and Harvey Thompson won both the freestyle and the medley events.

The age 10 and under boys included Adam Ryan, Noah Taylor and Jamie Worton, while the girls 12 and under team included Ruby Hanke, Jessica Jones and Sophie Parsons.

The boys age 14 and under team won the freestyle relays included Robert Jennings, Oliver Jones and Euan Vaughan-Hawkins.

Final point scores were Worcester 236, Halesowen 219, Lichfield 206, Blythe Barracudas 166, Boldmere 146.

## Tividale make it to final of the Hunt Cup

EVOSTICK Division One side Tividale progressed to the final of the JW Hunt Cup after an entertaining 3-1 win against Midland Football League Premier Division opponents Alvechurch.

Tividale took a 32nd minute lead. Luke Paskin side footed past the keeper.

Alvechurch began to build up some pressure but the hopes were hit when Edwards slid a neat ball through for Foster to roll a shot past the onrushing keeper.

Four minutes later Alvechurch grabbed a lifeline when Luke Dugmore curled home a superb 30 yard shot, giving keeper Paul Evans no chance.

Their renewed belief was hit again as Tividale restored their two goal lead eight minutes from time when through Edwards.

# Albion now focussing on Phillips

ALBION are ready to focus their attentions on QPR winger Matty Phillips after cooling their interest in Bakary Sako because of the Wolves man's wage demands, although they have not ruled out further talks if Sako lowers his sights.

Boss Tony Pulis wants at least one more wideman in time for next season, having only landed Callum McManaman in January despite enquiring about a host of other widemen – including Phillips.

Several

But Hawthorns officials expect fierce competition for Phillips' signature from a host of top-flight rivals and the 24-year-old is allowed to leave Loftus Road. It's reported Phillips has moved above Sako on the Baggies' summer transfer hit-list after the out-of-contact Wolves man shocked Albion with his wage list.

Pulis will also look to add several new full-backs, with Swansea left-back Neil Taylor still high on his list.

He wants to add extra firepower in attack and

might consider a free-transfer move for West Ham's Carlton Cole, whose proposed move to The Hawthorns on the final day of the January transfer window broke down at the 11th hour.

Meanwhile, Hawthorns sources have played down online reports linking Albion with a summer move for Wolves striker Benik Afobe.

While Sako remains a serious target, sources at The Hawthorns claim they have no plans currently to pursue Afobe. Afobe moved from Arsenal to Wolves in January and ended the season with 32 goals this season, including 19 while on loan at MK Dons in the first half of the campaign. But Albion are likely to revamp their forward line in the summer.

## Brummies make it two out of two wins

BIRMINGHAM made it two out of two in the National League with an impressive 51-39 win against Stoke.

It was another incident packed night at Perry Barr, but the Brummies fought hard to ensure they picked up three more league points and send the visitors home empty handed.

Team Manager Graham Drury was thrilled to see his side maintain their unbeaten start to the league campaign.

"It was another fantastic team performance and I think we were good value for our win in the end," said Drury.

"Things were pretty close early on but, as I expected, we were strong in the second half and managed to pull away."

Adam Ellis was in a class of his own. Zach was absolutely superb, Tom Perry did his captain's role really once again and the other boys chipped in with some important points.

"It was another pleasing night and we'll take that with us to Looker Road on Saturday."

Adam Ellis eased to a 15 point maximum, whilst Zach Wajtknecht (14) and Tom Perry (12+4) bagged double figures at home once again.

Adam Kirby suffered a mixed night but still managed an important 5+1, whilst Alex Wilson managed three points prior to a huge crash in Heat 12.

Harvie Banks endured another tough night but rode well to hold on to his two points.

Birmingham: Adam Ellis 15, Zach Wajtknecht 14, Tom Perry 12+2, Adam Kirby 5+2, Alex Wilson 3, Harvie Banks 2, Sam Chapman R/R.

# Shahid takes team loss on the chin

**FAISAL Shahid was philosophical in defeat after seeing his Halesowen side miss out at the weekend.**

They went down to Penkridge by three wickets despite setting a useful total of 246-9.

Skipper Shahid said: "Good knocks from Ben Stebbings, when we needed to rebuild after the loss of two early wickets, and then especially Will Barrett and Wes Griffiths when we were looking to set a competitive total got us past 240 when at one stage getting past 200 looked like it would be difficult."

Stebbins, making his first appearance for the club, set about rebuilding the innings after a poor start alongside Hassan Quaumi and the pair had put on 112 for the third wicket when Stebbings fell for 84.

With wickets still in hand Will Barrett (68) and Wes Griffiths (36) set about posting a competitive total and some fine hitting took them past 240 and securing the extra batting point.

Barrett finally fell to a good catch in the deep by Smith, again off Maher. The innings closed with Halesowen posting a very competitive 246-9.

### Reduced

The Halesowen bowlers were sharp out of the blocks and reduced Penkridge to 5-3 with Shahid removing both the openers.

The Chishti brothers, Laeq and Attiq, then put on 113 in good time before Laeq fell to the bowling of Zain Shahid for 54 in only the 26th over.

It was clear Halesowen had to stifle the run rate or bowl out the opposition to win and whilst the wickets continued to fall the runs flowed from Attiq Chishti who finished with an undefeated century and was ably backed up by Szweczyk (28) and Smith (27) to win for Penkridge.

The club have labelled their first ever night of Darts a massive success.

Former Premier League star-turned Sky Sports pundit Wayne 'Hawai-501' Mardle entertained a packed room in the clubhouse at Seth Somers Park – and another event is already planned for next year.

And the crowd were handed a welcome surprise when top PDC star Stephen Bunting, the 2014 Lakeside World Champion, made a surprise appearance.

## Sako tears himself away from club



A very emotional Bakary Sako of Wolverhampton Wanderers thanks the fans after the final game of the season

**BULLISH** Kenny Jackett greeted Wolves' play-off miss by vowing the best is to come – but he admitted Bakary Sako will leave.

"We have a high number of players who have their best years ahead of them," said the head coach. "Improvement isn't just in the transfer market, it's from every player as well."

"Richard Stearman is 27 but his best years are ahead of him."

"It's my job now to drive them on to be the best they can," Jackett is looking for Wolves to continue the run that saw them pick up 30 points from 15 games.

## Welborn ready to defend his title at Civic

A four-midable night of boxing at Wolverhampton Civic Hall will see a quartet of Midlands titles contested under one roof on one night, writes Craig Birch.

Those 10-round contests will decide the fate of the area crown's at featherweight, light welter, light middle and super middle on a solitary evening.

The summer blockbuster will take place on Saturday June 6, headlined by Jason Welborn's defence at light middle against Ryan Aston.

Rowley Regis' Welborn, a two-weight Midlands champion and British title challenger, meets Dudley's Ryan Aston in a grudge match.

For tickets and information call the Civic on 0870 320 7000 or Rowson directly on 07976 283 157.



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## Yeltz aim to cash in on Albion rise

HALESOWEN TOWN has slashed season ticket prices – in an attempt to lure disgruntled Albion fans who are facting a hike in the cost of watching their team and hopefully boost their attendances at matches.

The Yeltz, who start their second campaign in the Northern Premier League in August, are offering an early-bird price of £150.

This priced has been knocked down from the original price of £190 for adults – until May 17.

The move comes as local Premiership team Albion revealed it was increasing its own adult season tickets by £50, meaning that they will then range from £399 up to £548.90 for the 2015–16 season.

Yeltz commercial manager Chris Lambert said: "This is not only to reward fans' loyalty this season but also to attract a new ever increasing fan base."

"Albion fans have seen their tickets go up by £50 so we are appealing to them or anyone who want to watch affordable competitive football."

"It's absurd that team are deciding to increase ticket prices with the amount of TV money coming in the Premier League this season," added Mr Lambert.

Yeltz senior and student season tickets are priced at £100, while for under-16s it is £50 and for the under-12s are free providing they are with a paying adult or senior.

Match prices at The Grove have also been frozen for next year.

The ticket prices will remain at £10 for adults, £7 for seniors and students, £3 for under-16s, and free for under-12s providing they are attending with a paying adult or senior.

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## The George fight strong battle to take the match

Warwick and Worcester  
Premier Division 1

**The George 209 West Brom FSC 205**  
THE George had a great battle in a very entertaining match against West Brom FSC, with the result in doubt until the last bowl of the match.

West Brom got off to a good start and led by 10 shots after the 1st four, Phil Clinton (21-16) and Elliot McGuinness (21-17) winning for The George.

In the middle four The George had two more losers and at one point were 22 shots adrift but wins from Alan Belcher (21-9) and Stewart Meddings (21-14) kept the difference to 10 shots.

The turning point came in the back four when Jamie Dunn put in a captain's performance to win 21-4 putting The George in front for the first time.

Two further defeats meant that with the last game on the green The George held a slender two-shot advantage.

With the last game tied at 16-16 Stuart Nash managed to hold his nerve in front of a noisy crowd to record a 21-19 win and see The George home by four shots.

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## Boss Pottinger sets lucky 13 target

Speedway

CRADLEY boss Will Pottinger is setting his side a target of lucky 13 when Mildenhall visit Perry Barr next weekend.

The Heathens have kicked off their National League title defence with three consecutive wins to bag 10-points - and Pottinger is hoping his side can make it four in a row to bag three more as they take on their bitter rivals and move to 13-points.

He said: "We've been pleased with how we've started the season, we can't really complain with three wins in our first three meetings.

"There have been plenty of positive signs and it's been so far so good for us really.

"It's a shame we have a bit of a break before our next meeting, but hopefully we can pick up where we left off against Mildenhall to get three more points on the board.

"The one aspect about the National League which can be frustrating is the gap between fixtures, I'm sure the lads would prefer to be riding more regularly."

And Pottinger admits the controversial league title defeat, when the Heathens lost on a refereeing decision in 2012 to the Fen Tigers, will never

be forgotten. He said: "It still angers me now when I look back on that moment, but we more than made up for it with back-to-back league titles after that."

"It should be a good meeting against Mildenhall, they beat Coventry at the weekend and they will come to Birmingham fancying their chances of taking something from us."

"We will all have to be riding well – and it would be nice if we had the points in the bag before relying on a tense last heat decider."

Admission prices for Cradley meetings at Perry Barr are £11 adults, £8 concessions and £2 children with the match programme available for £3.

## Villa chew up Toffees with Benteke

Villa 3 Everton 2

CHRISTIAN Benteke's brace inspired Aston Villa to a vital 3-2 victory over lacklustre Everton.

The red-hot striker scored his ninth and 10th goals in eight games to ease Villa to a crucial win and maintain their cushion over the drop zone.

Tom Cleverley added a third just after Romelu Lukaku's penalty gave Everton hope of a comeback.

Phil Jagielka pulled a goal back in injury time but Villa hung on for just their fourth home league win of the season.

The hosts deserved their victory against the poor Toffees, who rarely showed the form which had seen them win five of their last six league games.

Villa are two points above the Premier League bottom three but are now, importantly, above free-falling Newcastle on goal difference in 14th.

Shay Given made his first top-flight start since August 2012 – when he played against Everton – after Brad Guzan was dropped following a shaky performance in the defeat at Manchester City.

Charles N'Zogbia also replaced Carlos Sanchez while Everton brought in Kevin Mirallas and Steven Naismith.

The Toffees were one of the form teams in the Premier League, having beaten Manchester United 3-0 last week, but Villa's start made a mockery of their recent results.

The tenacious hosts looked to cut through Everton early and grabbed a deserved lead after just 10 minutes.

Benteke had threatened already, glancing a header wide, but this time he made it count when he powered in from Fabian Delph's wonderful cross.

N'Zogbia tested Tim Howard with a free-kick as Villa chased a second.

They stiffered Everton with Lukaku and Aaron Lennon.

## FA defends Cup ticketing scheme

THE FA has defended the allocation of FA Cup Final tickets after complaints from Villa and Arsenal fans.

Both clubs will receive 25,000 tickets for the May 30 showpiece at Wembley's 90,000-seater stadium.

The FA stressed it is important to reward members and volunteers of the 'football family,' while stating 25,000 is the maximum number of tickets offered to any club since the first final at the new Wembley in 2007.

A further 17,000 tickets are on offer to members of Club Wembley, which is effectively a season ticket for the national stadium.

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# BAGGIES GRAB UNITED SCALP

Man Utd 0 Albion 1

## TONY Pulis's Hawthorns reign might just have its launchpad.

For so long since his arrival on New Year's Day, Pulis' relationship with Baggies fans has felt like a marriage of convenience.

But victory on one of world football's grandest stages has finally given head coach and supporters a joyful, shared experience over which they can bond.

They might not have gone from uneasy bedfellows to bosom buddies quite yet.

But a second successive Baggies triumph at Old Trafford is a hell of place to start with building a more genuine love affair. Saturday's win had very little in common with the one in September 2013 – in fact the sense of joy at the final whistle was the only thing that felt the same.

Yet while the win for Steve Clarke's men was more thrilling, more shocking and more glorious, Saturday's success was more important.

### Relegation

Because from a position of feeling safe from relegation when they left for Manchester on Friday afternoon, the Baggies arrived at kick-off time on Saturday evening at Old Trafford with an horrendous sequence of results leaving their battle for survival back on. Thanks to brilliant organisation, an iron will and some tremendous performances, Pulis's men pulled off a terrific triumph to move to their unlikely 40-point target with three games still to play.

Boaz Myhill was the hero with a penalty save from Robin van Persie and more fantastic blocks late on.

But the goalkeeper's heroics merely typified the spirit of his team, who clearly revel in games when they have nothing to lose, even if they struggled to live with the pressure of expectation when they were favourites against QPR and Leicester.

And on 63 minutes a counter-attack brought Albion the opening and only goal. Darren Fletcher burst through the middle and was body-checked by Paddy McNair, earning the United defender a booking.

And Brunt blasted the free-kick towards goal, with a huge deflection off Olsson's calf taking the ball past a helpless De Gea.

## Wolves just miss the bus



Nouha Dicko of Wolverhampton Wanderers scores a goal to make it 1-0

Wolves 4 Milwall 2

WOLVES did their bit with a win and Derby obliged by continuing their Devon Loch-like collapse only for Brentford to win to secure their place in the play-offs.

And to their huge credit, Kenny Jackett's side ended another campaign on an upward trend by finishing with back-to-back victories after taking albeit slender hopes into the final day.

The inquest into where Wolves missed out has been under way a couple of weeks and intensified after the final whistle.

If Saturday's game was to be Sako's last in

gold and black, then he went out in style and signed off with a bang.

His mazy run set up Dicko to put Wolves ahead after 20 minutes.

Dicko then cut inside and set himself up to lash home the second after the break, he was instrumental in the final two goals.

First Forde could only parity his free-kick into the path of Ebanks-Landell to steer home to make it 3-1 with 20 minutes left.

Then on the stroke of the end normal time, he curled one in himself after a lovely dummy turning onto Afobe's quickly-taken corner.

It was a five-star performance from a top-class player.

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